

Danger Aware

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September 4th—Labor Day

The origins of Labor Day can be traced back to the labor union movement of the late 19th century, when industrial workers sought better working conditions, fair wages and reasonable hours. Labor Day became an official federal holiday in 1894 under President Grover Cleveland. In America, Labor Day is observed on the first Monday in September. As a tribute to the resilience and determination of American workers, Labor Day remains an important national observance symbolizing appreciation for the labor force that drives the nation's progress and prosperity.



September 10—Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day honors the contributions that grandparents make to families and society. It is celebrated to show the bond between grandparents and grandchildren.

National Grandparents Day was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. A presidential proclamation on September 6, 1979, made this day official.

The official song of National Grandparents Day is "A Song for Grandma And Grandpa" by Johnny Prill. The official flower is the "Forget Me Not".

So don't forget to visit, call or write your grandparents and send them your love.



September 30—Family Health & Fitness Day

How to celebrate family health & fitness day:

- **Play a family sport** like a friendly game of flag football, baseball, basketball or even soccer. As long as you're moving that's all that matters.
- **Join your local YMCA** and see if they are hosting events in honor of Family Health and Fitness Day.
- **Go for a bike ride** with your family. Take out your bikes dust off the seats and ride to your local park or just around your neighborhood. This is a fun way to exercise, it's low-impact, doesn't demand a high level of skill and an effective cardio workout.

Back To School

Be Careful, Be Safe, Be Aware

Now that school is back in session children of all ages need to be aware of their surroundings, walking to and from school and of strangers lurking about.

Here are some tips to follow that might help you get to school and back home safely:

Be Careful

- Walk in groups.
- Follow the instructions of the crossing guards. They make sure that you cross the streets carefully.
- Stay off your cell phone when going to and from school, you need to pay attention to traffic and your surroundings
- Do not wear your headsets while walking to school you need to be able to hear noises behind and around you.
- Do not walk close to the road, always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Avoid crossing between cars.

Be Safe

- Avoid all strangers, do not accept rides
- If you feel that you are being followed run to a neighbors house and have them call 911.
- If you are riding the school bus and there is no one at the bus stop to pick you up let the driver know.
- Make sure that you stay in the area designated for children during the schools after school program.
- Never wonder off school premises

Be Aware

- If you are a latch key kid make sure that no one is following you home from school.
- Be aware of your surroundings and of strangers
- Be aware when crossing the streets. Look in all directions, and watch for turning vehicles.
- Be Aware of strangers lingering around the school yard or by near businesses.
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Meet Our Volunteers of the Month

"Turn About Boutique"

Gerardo and Emily



Gerardo & Emily have been together for 23 years. They have three children and 9 grandchildren.

Gerardo likes to do yardwork in his spare time, and Emily likes to read and play games on her phone.

Their hobbies include thinking of party themes and making party decorations. They also volunteer their time here at Danger Aware Turnabout Boutique.

She credits her aunt for bringing her to Danger Aware. They understand the mission we have at Danger Aware, Emily agrees with keeping children safe and educating them on the dangers that are out there.

Emily is a good fit for this position because she's worked in retail before and working in retail has trained her to work with different personalities, how to set up items, it also taught her how to be a cashier. Gerardo is very supportive of Emily, he helps her vision for the boutique to come to light by moving the important items up front where customers can see and buy.

Their favorite part about working at the Turnabout Boutique is meeting new and different people. She says volunteering at the boutique has certain challenges. Being kind and patient is what helps her deal with certain customers.

For Emily and Gerardo a perfect day working for Danger Aware is meeting different people and their reaction to knowing that there is a boutique of this kind in their neighborhood or when they say that they were just passing by and saw the Danger Aware Boutique flags outside.

Stop by the boutique Emily and Gerardo will be more than happy to help you with all your needs and show you around the boutique.

Turnaround Boutique is located at

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