

Impressive History

The pressed penny is a curious souvenir. After all, why pay 50 cents to flatten and elongate a coin worth just one cent? Well, people love novelty and the delight that comes with finding something new and unusual, and they also love collecting memorabilia. Pressed pennies offer the best of both worlds. They are unique keepsakes that capture a moment in history. These souvenirs have grown so popular that they enjoy their own holiday, Pressed Pennies Day on September 3.



The first elongated coins were pressed by a jeweler in Vienna, Austria, in 1818. They used a modified jeweler's rolling mill, a common tool used to roll gold or other precious metals into wire or emboss patterns on sheets of metal.

Pressed pennies made their American debut at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. Visitors delighted when they rolled their pennies through a hand-cranked machine to press "Columbian Exposition 1893" on their faces. The exposition celebrated the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the "New World." Each pressed penny provided a souvenir of that anniversary. Coin collectors will note that 1893 was also the year that Indian Head pennies were in circulation. Some collectors may delight (while others cringe)

to find a pressed Indian Head penny bearing the Columbian Exposition's imprint. These rare souvenirs are worth hundreds of dollars today.

Penny-pressing machines remain common sights at amusement parks and carnivals. Over 150 penny pressers are scattered throughout Disneyland, allowing visitors to imprint pennies with famous Disney characters, depictions of rides, or other commemorative images. Many museums, too, offer penny pressers for their exhibits. But don't attempt to press coins in Canada. Defacing Canadian currency is illegal. Instead, you may purchase blank coins to run through the pressing machines.

September Birthdays

September can bring with it some cooler temperatures and also some pretty 'cool' Birthday Babies! We will be singing "Happy Birthday" to: Tabi Perkins—Sept 9; Bonnie C—September 14; Brittany Waters (overnight staff)—Sept 21; Stanley—Sept—25 and Bob B—September 27. As always, there are a few additional Birthday Babies whose names might ring a bell.

Beyoncé (singer) – Sept. 4, 1981
 Kim Yuna (figure skater) – Sept. 5, 1990
 Idris Elba (actor) – Sept. 6, 1972
 Hugh Grant (actor) – Sept. 9, 1960
 Misty Copeland (ballerina) – Sept. 10, 1982
 Tyler Perry (producer) – Sept. 13, 1969
 Dorothy Vaughan (mathematician) – Sept. 20, 1910
 Ray Charles (musician) – Sept. 23, 1930
 Serena Williams (tennis star) – Sept. 26, 1981
 Gene Autry (cowboy) – Sept. 29, 1907

Reliable by Nature



In 1870, former U.S. Representative and Civil War officer Henry Washburn led an expedition down the Yellowstone River to explore and survey a remote region of northwest Wyoming. Washburn's party was the first to map the area, explore its many lakes, and climb its mountains. What awed the explorers most were the many boiling and steaming thermal features of the region. One geyser fascinated them most of all. On September 18, 1870, the party realized that it would reliably erupt 100 feet into the air every 74 minutes. Washburn himself dubbed the geyser "Old Faithful." This famous geyser would help make Yellowstone America's first national park in 1872.

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Celebrating September

World Beard Day
September 4

Labor Day (U.S.)
September 6

Wonderful Weirdos Day
September 9

Patriot Day
September 11

Shenfest
September 25

September Birthdays

Tabi Perkins
September 9

Bonnie C
September 14

Brittany Waters (Overnight)
September 21

Stanley S
September 25

Bob B
September 27

Back to School Chuckles

1. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?
 Because her students were so bright.

2. What did the paper say to the pencil?
 Write on!

3. Why isn't there a clock in the library?
 Because it ticks too much.

4. Why did the teacher jump into the pool?
 He wanted to test the water.

5. Why do magicians always do so well at school?
 They can handle trick questions.

6. What do elves learn in school?
 The elf-abet.

7. Where do pencils go on vacation?
 Pencil-vania.
19. Where do surfers go to school?
 Boarding school.

8. What is the smartest insect?
 A spelling bee.

9. Why can't pirates learn the alphabet?
 Because they keep getting lost at C.

10. Why did the girl do her homework on an airplane?
 To achieve a higher education.

Bonus: What did one pencil say to the other on the first day of school?
 Looking sharp!



Wonderful Windsor Moments In August

