

Beyond the Browser



Who could have known on September 4, 1998, that the strange term *google* would come to be used in hundreds of languages across the planet? Twenty-seven years after the company's September creation, Google has become a part of our everyday lives. Google's internet search engine and email are its most well-known tools, but that technology is small potatoes compared to what Google hopes to achieve in the future.

Google began at Stanford University in California. Two PhD students, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, wanted a better way to search for information on the internet. Their mission statement was "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful." New Google projects hope to do that and so much more.



One Google innovation is the self-driving car, now commercialized through Waymo, an Alphabet company. Waymo vehicles—based on partnerships with Jaguar, Geely, and others—have driven millions of miles autonomously. Experts argue that these vehicles may soon surpass human drivers in safety and efficiency, especially in controlled urban environments.

In the home, Google has expanded its smart tech through Nest, offering learning thermostats, security systems, and voice-activated controls. You can adjust your lights, start your coffee, or monitor your front door using just your phone or voice.

X, Alphabet's research division, continues to pursue ambitious projects, including drone delivery, wildfire detection, and sustainable energy solutions. Its goal remains the same: to tackle global problems with breakthrough technology that pushes the limits of what's possible.

September Birthdays

In astrology, those born between the 1st and 22nd of September are Virginal Virgos. Virgos are industrious, efficient, and pay close attention to details, which is why they tend to get the job done right on the first try. Those born between September 23rd and 30th balance the scales of Libra. Libras seek harmony and value fairness and justice. Although they'd rather avoid conflict, they are excellent team players who are tactful and polite at soothing those embroiled in argument.

- Lily Tomlin (comedian) – September 1, 1939
- Bob Newhart (comedian) – September 5, 1929
- Grandma Moses (artist) – September 7, 1860
- Otis Redding (singer) – September 9, 1941
- Agatha Christie (author) – September 15, 1890
- Frankie Avalon (singer) – September 18, 1940
- Jim Henson (puppeteer) – September 24, 1936
- T. S. Eliot (poet) – September 26, 1888
- Gene Autry (singer) – September 29, 1907
- Fran Drescher (actress) – September 30, 1957

Point Taken

Grammarians rejoice! September 24 is Punctuation Day. If punctuation makes you feel as excited as an exclamation point, then get ready to express your enthusiasm over some rarely used punctuation marks, so obscure that they don't even appear on keyboards.



The *interrobang* looks like a question mark with an exclamation point cut through its heart, and it means "?!". The *exclamation comma* and *question comma* are versions of these marks with a comma below instead of a dot. Why? Because sometimes you want to express excitement or ask a question in the middle of a sentence, not at the end. Three dots forming an upside-down triangle are known as the *because sign*. An *irony mark* looks like a backward question mark and means that the sentence should be read with irony... this sentence not included, of course.

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Celebrating September

Intergeneration Month

World Alzheimer's Month

Labor Day  
September 1<sup>st</sup>

Facility Events

Resident Group Outing  
September 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday Jams & Donuts  
September 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Resident 1:1 outing  
September 19<sup>th</sup>

Resident Council Meeting  
September 25<sup>th</sup>

Resident Birthday Bash  
September 26<sup>th</sup>

Generation Celebration

September gives us a great excuse to celebrate the power of cross-generational connection. With both Grandparents Day and Intergenerational Day on the calendar, it's a reminder that meaningful relationships don't have to come from the same age group.

Spending time with younger generations isn't just heartwarming—it's genuinely beneficial. Studies show that older adults who interact regularly with children or teens often feel more purposeful, experience less loneliness, and even see improvements in memory and mood. Meanwhile, younger folks gain a sense of perspective, patience, and emotional intelligence when they build relationships with seniors.

Some communities have taken this idea to the next level. In countries like Japan and the Netherlands, preschools and daycare centers are joining forces with senior living facilities, creating shared spaces where little ones and older adults can learn and play together. It turns out that finger painting and storytelling sessions can do wonders for everyone involved, young and old.

Even without a formal program, small moments matter. Reading to a grandchild over video chat, teaching a neighbor's teen how to knit, or joining a local school's mentorship program are all simple ways to build connections that stretch across generations. Volunteering with youth groups, offering career advice, or attending events at community centers can also open the door to meaningful exchanges. And don't underestimate the value of a casual chat at the park or the grocery store—sometimes the best conversations happen when no one's trying too hard.

Bringing generations together isn't about nostalgia—it's about building stronger communities full of curiosity, empathy, and mutual respect. This month, let's celebrate the many ways we can all learn from each other, no matter our age.

