

October 2026

King's Daughters Home

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Celebrating September

Monthly Birthday Party

*Tuesday, October 6th
@ 2:30 pm.- Dining Rm
Join us for Cake & Ice
Cream*

Resident Meeting

*Tuesday, October 13th
@ 2:30 pm.- Dining Rm*

KDH Buck Auction

*Friday, October 23rd
@ 2:30 pm.- Dining Rm
(everyone gets \$20 of KDH
Bucks to spend)- watch your
calendar to earn EXTRA
KDH Bucks!*

***We had a wonderful
evening for our Bonfire!**



Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

Welcome to October! The autumn season is now in full swing, bringing beautiful changes both outside our windows and inside our community.

We are full of anticipation for the official start date of our renovations and we know everyone is eager to see the transformations begin. We appreciate your patience and shared excitement as we countdown to the big day, and we will let everyone know as soon as we are given a concrete start date when the project will begin.

As you have likely noticed, the cooler weather has officially arrived. With the crisp October breeze settling in, it is the perfect time to bundle up in your favorite cozy sweaters, scarves, and blankets. To celebrate the arrival of this beautiful month, here are a few fun facts about October to share with your neighbors:

- The "Eight" Month: The name October comes from the Latin word octo, meaning "eight." It held the eighth spot on the ancient Roman calendar before January and February were added!
- A Presidential Month: October claims the title for hosting the most US presidential birthdays of any month in the year.
- Vibrant Symbols: October's birthstones are the opal and tourmaline, and its official flower is the marigold, perfectly matching the bright yellows and oranges of the falling leaves.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our home. Let's enjoy the beautiful fall foliage and wonderful seasonal activities ahead!

Warmly,
Jamie Studer

Administrator



From Flop to Fame



Behind almost every great success story is a story of failure. Even American musical icon Bob Dylan once got booted from a high school talent competition for playing too loudly. Success should never be a foregone conclusion, and for this reason, we celebrate International Day for Failure on October 13.

Bill Gates is one of the world's most successful billionaires, but that wasn't always so. Before Microsoft, Gates and Microsoft partner Paul Allen founded a company called Traf-O-Data, which attempted to analyze traffic flows. The company and the computer designed to record traffic were failures, but the venture was an important stepping stone to what would become Microsoft.

The name George Steinbrenner is synonymous with the World Champion New York Yankees teams from 1996 to 2003. Before taking the helm of the Yankees, Steinbrenner owned the Cleveland Pipers basketball team. Steinbrenner's sometimes rash decision-making—including trading a player to the opposing team during halftime—contributed to a turbulent tenure with the Pipers, who ceased operations after two years amid the collapse of the American Basketball League. Steinbrenner personally lost two million dollars.

Oprah Winfrey is one of the world's most recognizable public figures and a self-made billionaire. But early in her career, struggling in the world of Baltimore television news, one of her bosses told her she was too emotional and "unfit for television news." She went on to host *The Oprah Winfrey Show* for 25 seasons.

The list of successful failures goes on and on: Steve Jobs was once fired from Apple; Walt Disney was told he wasn't creative enough; J. K. Rowling was fired from her job as a researcher; Julia Child was fired as a clerical worker for "gross insubordination"; Jerry Seinfeld was fired from a sitcom. Take it from Oprah, failure is often a gift leading to "life-changing opportunity."

King's Daughters Home Staff Royalty for October 2026



CONGRATULATIONS

Alesia Legner!



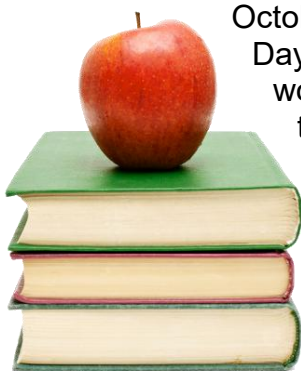
Alesia is a Dietary Aide
and has worked at
King's Daughters Home
Since August of 2021.



**We LOVED our Bonfire
Night with Koegel Hot
Dogs & S'Mores!**



Lessons in Appreciation



October 5 is World Teachers' Day, and people all over the world will be turning their thoughts to that special teacher in their life who offered them guidance or support. But are happy memories enough to honor these unsung community heroes? Many believe that education is one of the

most important gifts we can give our children and the best way to ensure they grow up to have a better life, but which countries do the best job of honoring teachers?

According to a study compiled by Professor Peter Dolton of England's University of Sussex, no place in the world respects its teachers more than China. There is a high level of respect for learning in China, and teachers are revered by parents and students alike. Teachers in China are even traditionally honored with gifts and public expressions of gratitude.

Interestingly, though, the highest performing students are not from China but from Finland. Finnish students consistently outperform other countries in international tests of reading, math, and science. Yet when it comes to respecting teachers, Finland lies in the bottom half of the worldwide ratings.

Perhaps another good measure of teacher appreciation is salary. In that case, Luxembourg leads the pack, with experienced teachers among the highest paid in the world. But when it comes to compensation, one American educator recently received a remarkable show of thanks. In 2025, educator and humanitarian Mansour Al Mansour of Saudi Arabia won the Global Teacher Prize, an annual award that recognizes exceptional educators from around the world. Often called the "Nobel Prize for teachers," the winner is awarded one million dollars. Now that's teacher appreciation!

Congratulations

on "beeing" awesome & "sticking with us"

We Appreciate YOU!!



Happy Anniversary dates of hire

Leah Ziems, Environmental Services
Supervisor, (17 yrs.)

Florina Hadley, CNA (7 yrs.)

Nicole Sova, Cook (4 yrs.)

Kaleb Stonerock, Cook (3 yrs.)

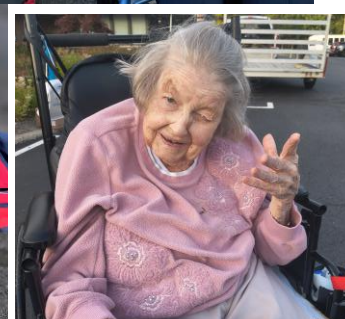
Kelly Carl-Clayton, Receptionist (1 yr.)

Toni Hilberry, Charge Nurse (1 yr.)

Mary Yates, Charge Nurse (1 yr.)

**You're
AWESOME!**

What a GREAT night for
our Bonfire! Food,
Friends & Fresh Air!



A Message from Your Nursing Team

Welcome to October! As the leaves begin to change and the autumn breeze rolls in, we have several important community and health updates to share for the month ahead. Our primary focus this month is keeping our community safe and healthy as we head into the winter season, and we appreciate your cooperation in making our upcoming events run smoothly.

Our annual COVID and Flu Vaccination Clinic is officially scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th. Staying up to date on your seasonal immunizations is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself and your family. **If you plan to participate, please turn your completed consent forms in to Jo Lynn ASAP. We need to get these processed quickly to ensure we have an accurate head count and adequate vaccine supply for everyone.**

Beyond the clinic, please remember to practice healthy habits like washing your hands frequently and staying home if you are feeling under the weather. Thank you for doing your part to keep our environment healthy and vibrant this autumn season! **Happy Halloween!**

Jo Lynn, Kari & Kim

Flu & Covid Vaccination Clinic Tuesday, October 13



October Birthdays

In astrology, those born October 1–22 balance the scales of Libra. Libras seek equality, justice, and harmony. Eager to cooperate, Libras are charming diplomats who seek compromise and goodwill. Those born between October 23–31 are Scorpios. Scorpios are passionate and assertive leaders who value honesty and fairness above all—but betray a Scorpio and suffer the scorpion sting. Befriend a Scorpio and you will have not just a friend for life, but an advocate and confidant.

Residents:

10/1 Katie Atkinson
10/2 Mary Reynolds
10/3 Evelyn Lipowitz
10/14 Art Smith
10/29 Bertha Irwin "100"

Staff:

10/1 Cher Hasley
10/6 Theresa Hamling
10/8 Eustasia Wells
10/13 Dana Tune
10/16 Brenda Wood
10/22 Victoria Diamond
10/23 Desmond Hines
10/26 Sam Doman



Welcome New Employees!

Mackenzie Hall-CNA

Alecia Eilf- CNA

Namon Looper- Charge Nurse



