

# Russian Children Return to School on 'Day of Knowledge'

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Each year on Sept. 1, Russian schools open their doors for students and teachers in what is known as Den' Znanyy, or the Day of Knowledge. This year, 17 million Russian students are going to school, hundreds of thousands for the first time. This time of year is also a somber one as Russia marks the anniversary of the 2004 Beslan school siege, when terrorists took 1,100 people hostage and 334 people, over half of them children, were killed. Here's a closer look at how Russia is ringing in the new school year and commemorating the victims of the 2004 attack:



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