



## LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

**TITLE:** Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, School Year 2025-26

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**ROUTING**  
All Employees  
All Locations

**DATE:** June 23, 2025

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to assist in the planning of school and work events. The increasingly pluralistic population of the United States creates diverse working and learning communities. This Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances is a tool meant to enhance understanding, respect, and awareness among the many religious, ethnic, and cultural identities in our school communities, as a resource for schools to incorporate these dates into their instructional activities, and as a reference in scheduling school activities.

**MAJOR CHANGES:** This memorandum replaces MEM-5466.14, *Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, School Year 2024-2025*, with updated dates and observances since the last issuance.

**BACKGROUND:** The Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances draws from multiple sources, including the California Department of Education, Los Angeles Unified Board Rule 1102, Board of Education resolutions, and cultural, religious, and community calendars. This calendar is based on information available at the time of production. Inclusion does not imply official endorsement by Los Angeles Unified. Omissions are not intended to be exclusionary in nature.

**GUIDELINES:** The following guidelines apply:

The Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances is intended to provide school communities with a resource to share information and events with all members of the school community. Lessons around this content are to be age-appropriate, culturally responsive, and taught in a historical and social studies context, as outlined in the [California History/Social Science Framework](#). Schools are expected to teach about religion in a neutral, prudent, and objective manner. The 1963 Supreme Court clarified public schools' role in the objective teaching about religion, "... it might well be said that one's education is not complete without a study of comparative religion or the history of religion and its relationship to the advancement of civilization," *School District of Abington Township, Pennsylvania v. Schempp* (No. 142) (1963) 374 U.S. 203, 225.

The Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances is intended to provide school communities with a resource to share information and events with all members of the school community. Students cannot be compelled to participate in non-curricular activities, such as Halloween parades or other celebratory events. However, there is no expectation that students will be shielded from exposure to ideas that conflict with their religious beliefs. (Refer to [BUL-5479.3](#), *Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression of Students in District Programs and Activities*.)

The Los Angeles Unified School District's Board of Education interprets the California Education Code Section 48205 to include the observance of a secular historical remembrance or cultural holiday or ceremony as "justifiable personal reasons" for absence from school. This allows students to receive excused absences for observances such as Armenian Genocide Remembrance or Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). Board Rule 1102 also clarifies that such excused absences would maintain a student's eligibility for District-wide awards based on attendance. (Refer to [REF-5464.12](#), *Initial Notification of Truancy (1st NOT) Report Central Automation and School Generated (2nd and 3rd NOT) Procedures*.)

**AUTHORITY:**

This is a policy of the Superintendent. The following legal standards apply:

- [California Department of Education Calendar of Events](#)
- [California Education Codes §§37220-37223](#) *Saturdays and Holidays*
- [California Education Code §51511](#) *References to Religion and Use of Religious Literature*
- [California Government Code §6700](#) *State Legal Holidays*

**RELATED**

- [California History-Social Science Framework](#)

**RESOURCES:**

- [LAUSD Board Rules 1101 and 1102](#)
- [BUL-5298.2](#) *Guidelines for Halloween Activities*, Office of the Division of District Operations
- [BUL-5479.3](#) *Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression of Students in District Programs and Activities*, Division of School Operations and Division of Instruction
- [BUL-6204.2](#) *Holiday Displays and Programs*, dated November 21, 2017, issued by the Division of District Operations
- [BUL-6285.0](#) *Guidelines for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Inclusive Education*, Office of the Superintendent-School Operations
- [MEM-075300.5](#) *Admission Day and Labor Day Holidays*, 2024 Human Resources Division
- [MEM-5415.14](#) *Take Our Children to Work Day*, Division of School Operations and Student Support and Attendance Services
- [MEM-5818.12](#) *Nondiscrimination Required Notices and Ordering of Student Brochures*, Office of the General Counsel
- [MEM-6544.9](#) *Observance of Constitution Day 2024*, Division of Instruction
- [REF-3973.9](#) *College Awareness Experiences for High School Students During the Annual LAUSD College Month in October*, Division of Instruction
- [REF-5464.12](#) *Initial Notification of Truancy (1st NOT) Report Central Automation and School Generated (2nd and 3rd NOT) Procedures*, Division of School Operations and School Mental Health and Wellness Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** Attachment A - Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances.

**ASSISTANCE:** Instructional resources and support may be obtained from several units:

- [Access Equity and Acceleration](#) (213) 241-3340
- [Division of Instruction](#) (213) 241-4822
- [Human Relations, Diversity and Equity](#) (213) 241-8719
- [Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department](#) (213) 242-5582
- [Office of Student Civil Rights](#) (213) 241-7682;  
[equitycompliance@lausd.net](mailto:equitycompliance@lausd.net)

For further assistance or errors of omission or commission, contact Human Relations, Diversity & Equity; (213) 241-0754; [humanrelations@lausd.org](mailto:humanrelations@lausd.org).



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**CALENDAR OF COMMEMORATIVE DATES AND OBSERVANCES  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

The Calendar of Commemorative Events is intended to provide school communities with a resource to share information and events with all members of the school community and to help plan school and work calendars. There are twelve federal holidays:

Set by date:

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Inauguration Day (occurs every 4 years)
- Juneteenth, June 19
- Independence Day, July 4
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Christmas Day, December 25

Typically celebrated on Mondays:

- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, third Monday in January
- President's Day, third Monday in February
- Memorial Day, last Monday in May
- Labor Day first Monday in September
- Indigenous People's Day, second Monday in October

Floating holiday:

- Thanksgiving, fourth Thursday of November

The dates of anniversaries of historical events, special commemorative occasions, and ethnic, cultural, and religious celebrations are provided to assist schools that wish to incorporate these dates into their instructional activities. Religious events and observances are coded to indicate the faith(s) with which they are commonly associated.

B – Buddhism

Ba – Baha'i

H – Hinduism

I – Islam

J – Judaism

Ja – Jainism

OC – Orthodox Christian

P – Protestant

RC – Roman Catholic

S – Sikhism

Sh – Shinto

T - Taoism

Many dates have both secular and religious significance. Christmas, for example, is widely celebrated as a secular holiday unrelated to its religious significance. The observation of some events may vary in accordance with the calendar being used (e.g.,

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Gregorian, Jewish, Islamic, or Julian), regional customs, group preferences, and lunar/solar cycles.

This document uses the following legend to indicate events whose observation has calendaring variations:

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Some religious holidays are solar- or lunar- based and may begin at sundown of the preceding day and end at sunset of the day listed. These events are identified with a plus symbol (+).

The occurrence of floating events is often adjusted to fall on a standard workday or week, on a designated day rather than a designated date, or to adhere to a calendar other than a Gregorian calendar. For example, *No Name Calling Week* is always observed on school days, *Thanksgiving* is always observed the fourth Thursday in November, and Jewish holy days follow the Jewish calendar. Floating events are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

Observances with local or regional variations are marked with a caret (^).

When the commemoration of non-Federally recognized events conflicts with scheduled school activities, such as during the testing period, schools may opt to honor the event on an alternate date.

Information for this *Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances* is gathered from various sources and is not intended as definitive or official notification. Dates are based on the information available at the time of authorship. Sources of information include but are not limited to: [California Department of Education](#), [Los Angeles Unified School Board Rules 1101 and 1102](#), the [United Nations](#), and other government and non-government sites. For additional resources, visit Human Relations, Diversity and Equity at <https://www.lausd.org/human-relations>.

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July 2025		
<b>Parks and Recreation Month</b> recognizes the National Recreation and Park Association's efforts to advance parks, recreation and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. <a href="http://www.nrpa.org">www.nrpa.org</a>		
<b>Black, Indigenous, People of Color Mental Health Month</b> brings awareness to the unique struggles that underrepresented groups face regarding mental illness. <a href="https://www.mhanational.org/bipoc-mental-health">https://www.mhanational.org/bipoc-mental-health</a>		
July 4 <b>Schools closed</b>	Independence Day	The federal holiday celebrating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. (Government Code Sec. 6701, Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
July 9**	Martyrdom of the Báb (Ba)	The day of observance of the martyrdom of the Báb, the forerunner of the Prophet and the founder of the Bahá'í Faith. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
July 11	<a href="#">World Population Day</a>	World Population Day was established by the United Nations to raise awareness of global population issues. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-population-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-population-day</a>
July 5-6**	Ashura (I)	This day of fasting is observed on the tenth day of Muharram to celebrate Moses' exodus from Egypt.

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July 2025		
July 10*^	Asalha Puja Day – Dharma Day (B)	The anniversary of the start of Buddha’s teaching after his enlightenment. <i>Observed on the first full moon in the eighth lunar month.</i>
July 18	<a href="#">Nelson Mandela International Day</a>	Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker, and the first democratically elected president of South Africa. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/">https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/</a>
July 26	<a href="#">Americans with Disabilities Day</a>	The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990 to guarantee equal opportunity for people with disabilities. <a href="https://adaanniversary.org">https://adaanniversary.org</a>

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August 2025		
<p><b>Children's Eye Health and Safety Month</b> inspires parents to make their child's vision health a priority.</p> <p><b>National Immunization Awareness Month</b> highlights the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html">www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html</a></p> <p><b>National Truancy Prevention Month</b> recognizes that chronic truancy causes serious harm to young people. <a href="https://www.lausd.org/iattendlausd">https://www.lausd.org/iattendlausd</a></p> <p><b>Transgender History Month</b> highlights the history and contributions of the transgender community (California HR 57 of 2023).</p>		
August 5 <sup>*^</sup>	<a href="#">National Night Out</a>	Promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. <i>Traditionally observed on the first Tuesday in August.</i> <a href="http://www.natw.org">www.natw.org</a>
August 9	<a href="#">International Day of the World's Indigenous People</a>	Celebrates the richness of indigenous cultures and recognizes the challenges to indigenous peoples today. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/">https://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/</a>
August 12	<a href="#">International Youth Day</a>	Celebrates youth as essential partners in change and raises awareness of their challenges and hardships. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day</a>
August 13-16 <sup>*^</sup>	Obon (B)	Four-day festival during which Japanese and Japanese-Americans honor their ancestors.
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (RC)	The largely Catholic belief that at the end of her life, Mary, the mother of Christ, was taken body and soul into heaven to live with her son.

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August 9	Raksha Bandhan (H)	This Hindu festival celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and sisters. Sisters tie sacred threads on their brothers' wrists and brothers vow to protect their sisters against all odds.
August 16*^	Krishna Janmashtami (H)	One of the most important Hindu festivals, Krishna Janmashtami is the birthday of Lord Krishna, the eighth reincarnation of Lord Vishnu who gave the vital message of the Bhagwat Gita - the guiding principles for every Hindu.
August 19	<a href="#">World Humanitarian Day</a>	Gives tribute to humanitarian workers who have risked and lost their lives in humanitarian service. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day</a>
August 21 – 27*	Paryushana Parva (Ja)	The most important Jain festival consists of eight (Swetambra) or ten (Digambara) days of intensive fasting, repentance, and reflection.
August 23	<a href="#">International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</a>	Memorializes the 1791 Santo Domingo uprising that started the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. <a href="https://www.unesco.org/en/days/slave-trade-remembrance">https://www.unesco.org/en/days/slave-trade-remembrance</a>
August 26	<a href="#">Women's Equality Day</a>	Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment which gave women full voting rights. <a href="https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/resources/commemorations/womens-equality-day/">https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/resources/commemorations/womens-equality-day/</a>

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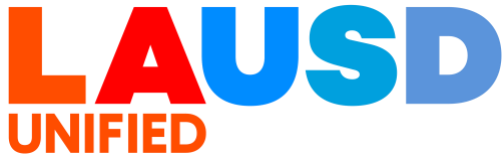
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August 2025		
August 29* <b>Schools closed</b>	California Admission Day <i>observed</i>	California was admitted as the 31 <sup>st</sup> state on September 9, 1850. (Board Rules 1101, 1102)

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September 2025

**Child Welfare and Attendance Month** brings awareness to the importance of school attendance, and promotes attendance through activities such as parent workshops, announcements, awards/recognitions, and attendance incentives.

<https://www.lausd.org/iattendlausd> (Board rule 1102).

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** honors and remembers children and families affected by these devastating diseases and rallies to give children with cancer better outcomes.

<https://childrenscancer.org>

**Hispanic Heritage Month** appreciates and celebrates the colorful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American Hispanic/Latino community. The September 15 - October 15 celebration was designated by presidential proclamation (36 United States Code 126, Board Rule 1102).

**Library Card Sign Up Month** reminds us to ensure all children have library cards. Los Angeles Public Library: <https://www.lapl.org/studentsuccess/card>; American Library Association: [www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card](http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card)

**National Preparedness Month** reminds us to prepare for emergencies that could affect where we live, work, and visit.

**National School Attendance Awareness Month** serves as a catalyst to launch and expand proactive student and family engagement campaigns geared toward increasing consistent attendance and ultimately raising academic outcomes. *The 2025 theme is Here Today, Ready for Tomorrow!*

**Suicide Prevention Month** is a time for mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members to unite and promote suicide prevention awareness. Los Angeles Unified [School Mental Health](#) Suicide Prevention Resources:

<https://www.lausd.org/Page/20365> and <https://988lifeline.org/>

September 1* <b>Schools closed</b>	Labor Day	Labor Day was first established in 1882 to recognize U.S. workers. <i>Observed the first Monday in September.</i> (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
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September 2025		
September 4-5**	Mawlid al-Nabi (I)	The celebration of the birthday of Muhammad, the founder of Islam.
September 6	National Read a Book Day	Grab a book and spend the day reading. (Board Rule 1102)
September 6*	Ullambana, The Ghost Festival (B)(T)	The unsettled spirits of the dead ancestors are calmed with chanting and offerings to enable them to pass peacefully into the next world.
September 7*	<a href="#">National Grandparents Day</a>	Celebrates grandparents on this day of giving of self; sharing hopes, dreams, and values; setting examples and advocating for future generations. <i>Observed the first Sunday after Labor Day.</i> <a href="https://grandparentsday.org">https://grandparentsday.org</a>
September 7-13*	<a href="#">National Suicide Prevention Week</a>	Suicide is never the answer. Increases suicide prevention awareness. <a href="https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/">https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/</a>
September 8	<a href="#">International Literacy Day</a>	Brings ownership of the challenges of illiteracy to local communities where literacy begins, one person at a time. <a href="https://nationaltoday.com/international-literacy-day/">https://nationaltoday.com/international-literacy-day/</a>
September 9	California Admission Day	California was admitted as the 31 <sup>st</sup> state on September 9, 1850. (Board Rules 1101, 1102) <i>Observed August 29*</i>

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September 2025		
September 11	Patriot Day	Commemorates those who were injured or died during the September 11 <sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. Flags fly at half-staff. (Code 144, Ed. Code 37220.21) (Title 36, US) <a href="http://www.911memorial.org">www.911memorial.org</a>
September 14-20*	National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week	Honors teachers, administrators, classified staff, and adult education students for their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments. <i>Observed the week beginning with the second Sunday of September.</i>
September 16	Mexican Independence Day, Celebration of Mexican History and Culture	September 16 marks the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain in 1810. (Board Rule 1102)
September 16	National Stepfamily Day	Celebrates blended families.
September 17	<a href="#">Constitution Day</a>	The Constitutional Convention ended its work of framing and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. (Ed. Code 37221, Board Rule 1102) <a href="http://www.constitutionday.com">www.constitutionday.com</a>
September 20*	<a href="#">National Clean Up Day</a>	Take time to clean up your local or national park. <i>Observed on the fourth Saturday in September.</i> <a href="https://www.nationalcleanupday.org">https://www.nationalcleanupday.org</a>
September 23	Bi Visibility Day	Recognizes and celebrates bisexual history, community and culture and the issues facing the bisexual community.

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September 22-24* <i>Schools closed September 23</i>	Rosh Hashanah (J)	Jewish New Year is a time of inner renewal and divine atonement.
September 24*	<a href="#">See You at the Flagpole</a>	National event of students praying together is usually at the flagpole before school. <i>Observed on the fourth Wednesday in September.</i> <a href="http://www.syatp.com">www.syatp.com</a>
September 26*	Native American Day	Recognizes the role and contributions of American Indians to American culture and society. <i>Observed on the fourth Friday in September.</i> (Ed. Code 37220.7, Board Rule 1102)
September 28*	Gold Star Mother's Day	Honors the mothers of fallen service members from all Armed Forces. <i>Observed on the last Sunday of September.</i>
September 30	<a href="#">Orange Shirt Day</a> , <a href="#">National Day of Remembrance</a>	Wear orange to raise awareness of children who were affected by Indian Boarding Schools. Resources by <a href="#">Title VI American Indian and Indigenous Education Program</a>
September 30*	Pupil Services and Attendance Counselors Day	Recognize and appreciate the valuable work of these professionals in supporting student welfare and attendance. <i>Observed the last Tuesday in September.</i> (Board Rule 1102)

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October 2025

**Blindness Awareness Month** raises awareness of the realities of living without sight. <https://www.fightingblindness.org/>

**Bully Prevention Month** Unite to help prevent bullying by building a safe and welcoming school environment. [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov), <https://www.lausd.org/human-relations>

**California School Bus Safety Awareness Month** encourages parents, students, teachers, motorists, and school bus drivers to promote the importance of school bus safety.

**College Awareness Month** promotes college-going culture, including early awareness through GEAR UP 4 LA and other programs.

Crime Prevention Month spreads the word about crime prevention and personal safety. <https://www.nnw.org/october>

**Cultural Diversity Month** honors the common essence of humanity while recognizing and understanding differences, be it gender, race, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation, and other factors (Board 1102).

**Daniel Pearl World Music Days** is an international network of concerts that uses the power of music to reaffirm a commitment to tolerance and humanity. <http://www.danielpearleducationcenter.org/world-music-days/>

**Disability Employment Awareness Month** increases awareness of the contributions and skills of persons with disabilities.

**Dyslexia Awareness Month** brings awareness of those who struggle with dyslexia and other related reading differences so that they may have richer, more robust lives and access to the tools and resources they need. [Board Rule 1102](#)

**Filipino American History Month** honors the history, pursuits, accomplishments, and legacy of Filipino Americans. <http://fanhs-national.org/filam/>

**Girls Empowerment Month** introduces girls to different career opportunities, especially in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). <https://www.girls-build.org/girls-empowerment-month.html>

**Hispanic Heritage Month** appreciates and celebrates the colorful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American Latino community. The month-long celebration from September 15 - October 15 was designated by presidential proclamation (36 United States Code 126).

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**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) History Month** marks and celebrates the achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

**National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** increases awareness of the disease, raises funds for research into its cause, prevention, and cure, and offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer. [www.nationalbreastcancer.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org)

**National Cyber Security Awareness Month** raises awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and reminds us to do our part to make sure that our online lives are kept safe and secure. <https://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>

**National Domestic Violence Awareness Month** connects advocates across the nation to end domestic violence.

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/fact-sheet/october-domestic-violence-awareness-month>

**National Down Syndrome Awareness Month** celebrates individuals with Down syndrome and educates the community of the truths about those living with Down syndrome and their abilities and accomplishments.

**National Energy Awareness Month** raises awareness of the importance of sustainably managing the nation's energy resources. <https://www.energy.gov/femp/national-clean-energy-action-month>

**National Principals Month** recognizes our principals for being at the forefront of educational equity and improving student achievement for all students, especially our most vulnerable students. <https://www.principalsmonth.org>

**National Substance Abuse Prevention Month** focuses on the role substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities. <https://nida.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/2023/12/reported-drug-use-among-adolescents-continued-to-hold-below-pre-pandemic-levels-in-2023>

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October 2025		
October 1-2+* <b>Schools closed</b> <b>October 2</b>	Yom Kippur (J)	The Day of Atonement marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.
October 2	<a href="#">International Day of Non-Violence</a>	Established by the United Nations on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi to disseminate a message of nonviolence through education and public awareness. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/non-violence-day</a>
October 2	<a href="#">National Custodian Day</a>	Recognizes the importance of custodians in keeping buildings well-maintained, safer, and healthier, and encourages shows of appreciation throughout the year. <a href="https://csea.com/events/national-custodian-day">https://csea.com/events/national-custodian-day</a>
October 2*	Dasara Vijayadash ami (H)	The day signifies victory and valor. Lord Rama slew the evil Ravana and emerged victorious on this day.
October 5	<a href="#">World Teachers' Day</a>	Established in 1966 to recognize the rights and responsibilities of teachers. <a href="https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday">https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday</a>
October 5-11*	<a href="#">National Fire Prevention Week</a>	Practice your escape! The Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871, killed 250+ people and left 100,000+ homeless. <a href="https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About">https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About</a>
October 6*	<a href="#">National Child Health Day</a>	Every child deserves to be as healthy as they can be. <i>Observed the first Monday in October.</i> (36 U.S. Code Section 105)

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October 10	<a href="#">World Mental Health Day</a>	Raises awareness and aids advocacy campaigns about mental health concerns. <a href="http://www.who.int">www.who.int</a>
October 11	<a href="#">National Coming Out Day</a>	Established in 1987 to promote a world where lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals could live truthfully and openly. <a href="https://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day">https://www.hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day</a>
October 12-18*	Week of the School Administrator	Acknowledges educational leaders at the school, district, and county levels. <i>Observed the second full week in October.</i> (Ed. Code 44015.1)
October 12-18*	American Indian Awareness Week	This first national recognition for American Indian was recognized by President Ford in 1976. <i>Observed the second week in October.</i> (Board Rule 1102)
October 13*	Indigenous People's Day	Celebrates and honors Indigenous American peoples, their histories, and cultures. <i>Observed the second Monday in October.</i>
October 13*	Discoverer's Day	A federal holiday that honors all explorers and commemorates Christopher Columbus' sighting of the Americas on October 12, 1492. <i>Observed the second Monday in October.</i> (Board Rule 1102)
October 13-15+*	Shemini Atzeret (J)	The Eighth Day of Assembly occurs immediately following Sukkoth.

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October 2025		
October 14-15**	Simchat Torah (J)	Simchat Torah celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle.
October 15	<a href="#">National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day</a>	Raises awareness of HIV among Hispanic/Latine people and encourages them to get tested and learn prevention options.
October 15	White Cane Safety Day	Celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence - the white cane. (36 United States Code 142)
October 15*	International Pronouns Day	Make asking, sharing, and respecting personal pronouns commonplace. Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. <i>Observed the third Wednesday of October.</i>
October 15*	Unity Day	Wear orange as a message for hope and support and against bullying. <i>Occurs the third or fourth Wednesday in October.</i> (Board Rule 1102)
October 16	<a href="#">World Food Day</a>	Promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security for all.
October 16*	Spirit Day	Wear purple as a statement against LGBTQ-biased bullying. <i>Observed the third Thursday in October.</i> <a href="http://www.glaad.org/spiritday">www.glaad.org/spiritday</a>
October 16*, 10:16 a.m.*	<a href="#">The Great California Shake Out</a>	Prepare for the next major earthquake. <i>Observed the third Thursday in October at the same time as the date.</i> <a href="http://www.shakeout.org">www.shakeout.org</a>

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October 17	<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty">International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</a>	The eradication of poverty and destitution remains a worldwide goal. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty">https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty</a>
October 19-25*	National Safe Schools Week and SAVE Day	Educate, empower, encourage, and engage schools to make safety a priority. <i>Observed the third full week in October.</i> <a href="https://www.sandyhookpromise.org">https://www.sandyhookpromise.org</a> <b>October 22*</b> is National SAVE Day
October 19-25*	<a href="https://www.common sense.org">Digital Citizenship Week</a>	Reflect on the role of technology in our lives, share positive experiences, build positive online habits, and learn about digital safety and responsibility. <i>Observed the third week of October.</i> <a href="https://www.common sense.org">https://www.common sense.org</a>
October 20-21*^	Diwali (H)(Ja)(S)	Diwali is the most popular of the Hindu festivals and celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.
October 20	Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib as Eternal Guru (S)	The Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Scripture, is a compilation of the divine revelations to the Sikh Gurus and saints of other faiths reaffirming the fundamental unity of all religions.
October 20-24*	National School Bus Safety Week	Addresses the importance of school bus safety. <i>Observed the third full week of October.</i> <a href="http://www.napt.org/nsbsw">www.napt.org/nsbsw</a>

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October 22- 23 <sup>+</sup>	Birth of the Báb and the Bahá'u'lláh (Ba)	Commemoration of the births of two central figures of the Bahá'í Faith, also known as the Twin Holy Birthdays. Two of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
October 23-31	Red Ribbon Week	Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, drug, and violence prevention campaign. <i>The 2025 theme is Life is a Puzzle, Solve it Drug Free.</i> <a href="http://www.redribbon.org">www.redribbon.org</a>
October 24	United Nations Day	The commemoration of the founding of the United Nations in 1945.
October 25	Larry Itliong Day	Celebrates the trailblazing Filipino-American labor leader, civil rights champion, and California Hall of Fame inductee. (Ed. Code 37220)
October 26	<a href="https://interactadvocates.org">Intersex Awareness Day</a>	Celebrates the intersex community and speaks out against a narrow binary of male or female. <a href="https://interactadvocates.org">https://interactadvocates.org</a>
October 31	Halloween	The eve of All Saints' Day is traditionally an occasion for masquerading and pumpkin carving.
October 31	Reformation Day (P)	Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.
October 31- November 1 <sup>+</sup>	Samhain	Samhain is a Gaelic harvest festival linked to festivals in other Celtic cultures and is now popularized as the Celtic New Year.

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**Epilepsy Awareness Month** raises public awareness of seizures. <https://www.efepa.org>

**National Family Caregivers Month** remembers those who give comfort to the millions of elderly and ill who are friends and family members.

**National Child Safety and Protection Month** recognizes the unique potential dangers many children face in their everyday lives and taking tangible steps of prevention against those challenges.

**National Family Literacy Month** addresses education and literacy by engaging family members in learning from the classroom to the community to the digital frontier. <https://www.familieslearning.org>

**National Homeless Youth Awareness Month** provides an opportunity to bring attention to the experiences of students experiencing homelessness. <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-homeless-youth-awareness-month>

**National Native American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month** remembers the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives and honors the heritage of our continent's first inhabitants. <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>

**Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month** promotes awareness and appreciation of the Sikh community in cities throughout California. <https://www.sikhcoalition.org/get-involved/california-sikh-awareness-appreciation-month/>

November 1	All Saints' Day (RC) (P) (O)	The Roman Catholic and Anglican holiday celebrating all saints, known and unknown.
November 1– 2	Dia de los Muertos (RC)	An indigenous celebration observed in the Americas to welcome the spirits of loved ones to come celebrate the continuity of life.
November 2	All Souls' Day (RC) (P)	Commemoration of all faithful Christians who have died.

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November 2025		
November 2*	Standard Time begins Daylight Saving Time ends	The beginning of all U.S. time zones. At 2 a.m., clocks move back one hour.
November 2*	Change Your Clock Change Your Batteries	Stay safe by changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms when you change your clocks.
November 3	Bunka No Hi	This Japanese holiday was established to promote appreciation of peace and culture.
November 3-7*	National School Psychology Week	Recognize the work of school psychologists and educators to help students thrive. <i>Observed the first full week of November.</i>
November 4*	Election Day	The day that elections are held in many states and cities. <i>Usually observed the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.</i>
November 3-7*	<a href="#">Solidarity Week</a>	Build collective support for LGBTQ+ students and educators and urge them to practice solidarity with different identities. <a href="http://www.glsen.org/solidarity-week">www.glsen.org/solidarity-week</a>
November 5	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (S)	This is the celebration of the first Sikh Guru.
November 11	Veterans Day	Day to honor and thank those who served in the United States Armed Forces.

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November 2025		
November 13-19	Transgender Awareness Week	Celebrate the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice.
November 16	<a href="#">International Day for Tolerance</a>	The United Nations' day that warns of the dangers of intolerance and encourages respect, dialogue and cooperation among diverse cultures and people. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/international-day-tolerance-16-november">https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/international-day-tolerance-16-november</a>
November 17-21*	<a href="#">American Education Week</a>	Honor the people who work in our public schools, from bus drivers and classroom teachers to cafeteria workers and administrative staff, plus countless others. <i>Observed the week prior to Thanksgiving.</i> <a href="https://www.cta.org/event/american-education-week-2-2/2025-11-16">https://www.cta.org/event/american-education-week-2-2/2025-11-16</a> <b>November 17*</b> Kick Off <b>November 18*</b> Parent's Day <b>November 19*</b> Education Support Professionals Day <b>November 20*</b> Educator for a Day <b>November 21*</b> Substitute Educator Day
November 20	<a href="#">Transgender Day of Remembrance</a>	Honors transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. <a href="https://www.glaad.org/tdor">https://www.glaad.org/tdor</a>
November 20*	<a href="#">Great American Smoke Out</a>	Encourages smokers to take a crucial step toward a healthier life by quitting smoking – even for one day. <i>Observed the third Thursday of November.</i> <a href="http://www.cancer.org">www.cancer.org</a>

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November 2025		
November 24	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (S)	The day that honors Guru Teg Bahadur as the ninth of the ten Gurus who founded Sikhism and who died for religious freedom.
November 24- 25 <sup>+</sup>	Day of the Covenant (Ba)	The festival commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of his eldest son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, as the center of his covenant.
November 26- 27 <sup>+</sup>	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (Ba)	The commemoration of the passing of the son of Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá.
November 27* <b>Schools closed</b>	Thanksgiving Day	This federal holiday was the first such national proclamation, issued by President Lincoln in 1863. <i>Observed the fourth Thursday in November.</i> (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
November 30*	First Sunday of Advent (RC)(P)	The time of preparation for observing the birth of Jesus Christ. The four Sundays before Christmas are marked by special church services.

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**Dresseember** Wear a dress or a tie for the month of December to raise awareness of human trafficking. <https://www.dresseember.org/>

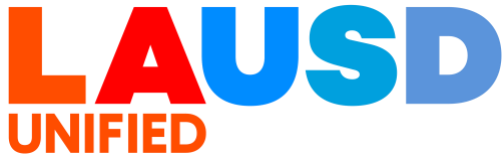
**Universal Human Rights Month** advances respect for human rights at home and abroad. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. <https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

December 1	<a href="#">World AIDS Day</a>	The international day of action focuses on HIV and AIDS. <a href="http://www.worldaidsday.org">www.worldaidsday.org</a>
December 2	Special Education Day	Marks the anniversary of our first federal special education law, signed by President Ford in 1975.
December 2*	Giving Tuesday	Giving Tuesday is a global day of charitable giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. <i>Observed the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.</i>
December 3	<a href="#">International Day of Persons with Disabilities</a>	Raise awareness about persons with disabilities to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities">https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities</a>
December 7	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Honor the 2,403 people who were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (RC)	The Roman Catholic holy day commemorates the Virgin Mary's freedom from original sin.

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December 2025		
December 8 <sup>*^</sup>	Bodhi Day - Enlightenment of Buddha (B)	The Buddhist celebration of the Enlightenment of founder Shakyamuni Buddha, ca 596 BCE. Celebrated on January 7 in the Eastern part of the world.
December 8- 14 <sup>*</sup>	<a href="http://www.csedweek.org">Computer Science Education Week</a>	Inspire students to take interest in computer science which plays a crucial role in transforming society, enabling innovation, and creating economic opportunities. <a href="http://www.csedweek.org">www.csedweek.org</a>
December 10	Human Rights Day	The anniversary of the adoption of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
December 12	Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (RC)	The celebration of the patron saint of Mexico.
December 14- 22 <sup>**</sup>	Hanukkah Festival of Lights (J)	Celebrate the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the ancient temple in Jerusalem.
December 15	Bill of Rights Day	The anniversary of the adoption of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.
December 16-24	Las Posadas (RC)	A period of nine days in which the journey of Mary and Joseph is replayed. A time of religious ceremonies and festivities.
December 21 <sup>*</sup>	Winter Solstice	Winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and the first day of winter.
December 25 <b>Schools closed</b>	Christmas (RC) (P)	A widely celebrated holiday with secular and religious connotations. The religious observance marks the birth of Christ with centuries old customs. (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)

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December 2025		
December 26 – January 1	Kwanzaa	Created in 1966, this African American seven-day festival recognizes the values of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.
December 29	Wounded Knee Day	Memorialize the massacre of more than 200 Lakota Sioux by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee, South Dakota in 1890.
December 31	New Year's Eve	Countries across the world celebrate the last day of the year of the Gregorian calendar.

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**Muslim American Heritage Month** honors the contributions and integral role of Muslim Americans in the economy, culture, and identity of the United States.

<https://muslimamericanheritage.org/>

**National Blood Donor Month** pays tribute to the nearly 11 million people who give blood each year and encourages others to give the gift of life. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

**National Braille Literacy Month** honors Louis Braille who developed the Braille code over 200 years ago.

**National Mentoring Month** focuses national attention on increasing the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for our young people. [www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org)

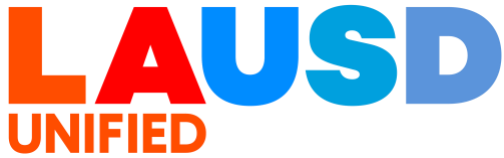
**National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month** Human trafficking is a crime in which force, fraud, or coercion is used to compel a person to perform labor, services, or commercial sex. <https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month>

January 1 <b>Schools closed</b>	New Year's Day	The federal holiday originates in Roman times when sacrifices were offered to Janus, the two-faced Roman deity who looked back on the past and forward to the future. (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rule 1101)
January 1	Gantan-sai (Sh)	Gantan Sai is the Shinto New Year festival observed with prayers for inner renewal. The holiday lasts seven days during which observers visit shrines to pray for good health and prosperity.
January 6	Epiphany (RC) (P)	The visit of the three kings to baby Jesus is celebrated twelve days after Christmas. One of the three major Christian festivals.
January 7	Nativity of Christ, Christmas (OC)	Also known as Orthodox Christmas, this widely celebrated centuries-old holiday marks the birth of Christ.

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January 2026		
January 11	Human Trafficking Awareness Day	National campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern-day slavery.
January 14*	Makar Sankrant (H)	Makar Sankrant is one of the most important Hindu festivals and celebrates the sun's journey into the northern hemisphere.
January 16	Religious Freedom Day	The ability to worship as one sees fit is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.
January 18*	World Religion Day (Ba)	The day that fosters the interfaith understanding and harmony by emphasizing the common characteristics found in all religions. <i>Observed the third Sunday in January.</i>
January 19-23*	<a href="#">No Name Calling Week</a>	Celebrates kindness while working to create safe schools free of name-calling, bullying and bias. For activities and lesson plans visit <a href="#">GLSEN</a> and <a href="#">Human Relations, Diversity &amp; Equity</a>
January 19* <b>Schools closed</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day <a href="#">National Day of Service</a>	What are you doing for others? Transform Dr. King's teachings into a service that empowers and strengthens local communities. <i>Observed the third Monday of January.</i> (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102) <a href="https://americorps.gov">https://americorps.gov</a>
January 19-23	<a href="#">National Gun Violence Survivors Week</a>	Highlight the human toll of gun violence in America and lets survivors know they are not alone. (Board Resolution-012-22/23) <a href="https://momentsthat survive.org/national-gun-violence-survivors-week/">https://momentsthat survive.org/national-gun-violence-survivors-week/</a>

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January 2026		
January 20*	<a href="#">National Day of Racial Healing</a>	Advances transformational and sustainable change to address history and contemporary effects of racism. <i>Observed the Tuesday after Martin Luther King Day</i> (Board Rule 1102) <a href="https://dayofracialhealing.org/">https://dayofracialhealing.org/</a>
January 23	National Handwriting Day	Re-explores the purity and power of handwriting with a pen or pencil.
January 23	Ed Roberts Day	Recognizes the life, accomplishments and contributions of Ed Roberts and other Californians with disabilities. (Ed. Code 37222.17, Board Rule 1102)
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Established by the United Nations to recognize the 6+ million Jews and other victims systematically murdered in Nazi Germany.
January 28	<a href="#">Data Privacy Day</a>	Creates awareness about the importance of privacy and protecting personal information. <a href="https://staysafeonline.org">https://staysafeonline.org</a>
January 30	<a href="#">Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution</a>	Commemorate Fred Korematsu and other advocates for Japanese American redress. First U.S. holiday named after an Asian American. (Ed. Code 37222.15, Board Rule 1102) <a href="https://korematsuinstitute.org">https://korematsuinstitute.org</a>

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**American Heart Month** raises awareness about heart disease prevention.

<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/education/american-heart-month>

**Body Positivity Month** celebrates everybody no matter the size or ability. Focuses on finding a healthy balance for one's mind and body.

**Black History Month** was created in 1926 as a month-long celebration to reflect on the history, teachings, and achievements of African Americans. (Board Rule 1102)

<https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>

**Children's Dental Health Month** raises awareness about the importance of oral health.

[www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)

February 1	National Freedom Day	Commemorate the signing of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment that abolished slavery in 1865.
February 2	Groundhog Day	Legend has it that if the groundhog sees its shadow on this day and returns to its burrow, winter will continue for six more weeks.
February 2-6*	<a href="#">National School Counseling Week</a>	School counselors have a tremendous impact in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. <a href="https://www.schoolcounselor.org">https://www.schoolcounselor.org</a>
February 10*	<a href="#">Safer Internet Day</a>	Create a safer and better internet, where everyone can use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. <i>Observed the first Tuesday in February.</i> <a href="https://saferinternetday.us">https://saferinternetday.us</a> .
February 4	Rosa Parks Day	Honor the civil rights leader, Rosa Parks.
February 6	Ronald Reagan Day	Recognize Ronald Reagan's life, accomplishments, and contributions to this state. (Ed. Code 37220.16, Board Rule 1102)

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February 2026		
February 12	Lincoln's Day	Memorialize president Lincoln who was assassinated in 1865. <i>Observed as the federal holiday Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February.</i> (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
February 13	Palentine's Day	Celebrate platonic friendships.
February 13*	<a href="#">No One Eats Alone Day</a>	A day of action to encourage youth to sit with others, find new friends, and model ways to end social isolation. <a href="https://www.beyonddifferences.org/no-one-eats-alone">https://www.beyonddifferences.org/no-one-eats-alone</a>
February 14	Valentine's Day	A day that many exchange cards, candy, gifts, or flowers as a sign of caring.
February 15-20*	<a href="#">Random Acts of Kindness Week</a>	Even the smallest act of kindness can change a life. Kindness has positive effects on the giver, the recipient and even the witness. <i>Observed the week of Valentine's Day.</i> <a href="http://www.randomactsofkindness.org">www.randomactsofkindness.org</a> . <i>RAK Day: February 17*</i>
February 15*	Race Relations Sunday	Created in 1922 by the National Council of Churches to recognize the importance of interracial relations. <i>Observed on the Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday of February 12.</i>
February 15^	Parinirvana - Nirvana Day (B)	The Mahayana Buddhist festival celebrates the day when the Buddha achieved Nirvana upon the death of his physical body.
February 15	Susan B. Anthony Day	The anniversary of the birthday of Susan B. Anthony calls for instruction on the political and economic status of women. (Ed. Code 37221, Board Rule 1102)

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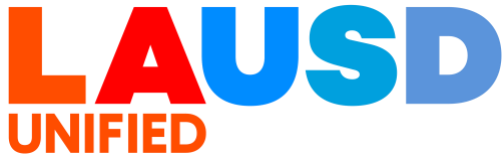
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February 15-16*^	Maha Shivaratri (H)	The Great Festival of Shiva is celebrated annually in reverence of the god Shiva and their marriage to the goddess Parvati.
February 16* <b>Schools closed</b>	Presidents' Day <i>observed</i>	Presidents' Day recognizes Washington's Day (February 22) and Lincoln's Day (February 12). <i>Observed the third Monday in February.</i> (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
February 17*	Lunar New Year (B)	Lunar New Year is the longest and most important celebration in many Asian countries. Festivities traditionally start on the first day of the lunar month and continue for two weeks. <i>2026 is the Year of the Horse.</i> (Ed. Code 37220)
February 17	National Parent Teacher Association Founders Day	Celebrate the legacy and work of PTA's founder to better the lives of every child in education, health, and safety.
February 17*^	Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday (RC)	The celebrations surrounding the Three Kings Day and culminating before Ash Wednesday. The traditions vary from city to city.
February 18*	Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent (RC)(P)	Lent is a 40-day period of fasting and penitence observed by many Christians.
February 17 – March 19**^	Ramadan (I)	Commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an. Marks the beginning of a month long fast that Muslims must keep from dawn to dusk. (Board Rule 1102)

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February 2026		
February 19	Day of Remembrance	The anniversary of Executive Order 9066 that authorized the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. Programs seek to educate the public about the fragility of civil rights during wartime.
February 20*	National Caregiver Involvement Day	Recognizes caregiver involvement. Observed on the third Friday of February each year.
February 20	<a href="#">World Day of Social Justice</a>	The United Nations established World Day of Social Justice to promote efforts to tackle poverty, exclusion, and unemployment. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day</a>
February 21	<a href="#">International Mother Language Day</a>	Languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion and are the foundation for learning. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day</a>
February 22	Washington's Day	Recognizes the first president of the United States. <i>Observed third Monday in February.</i> (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
February 23*	Clean Monday (OC)	The beginning of Great Lent for Eastern Christian churches which starts 40 days before Orthodox Easter (Pascha).
February 25-29*	<a href="#">Public Schools Week</a>	This initiative showcases the strength and potential of public schools in a democratic society. <a href="https://www.publicschoolproud.org/">https://www.publicschoolproud.org/</a>

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February 2026		
February 25- March 1*	Ayyám-i-Há (Ja)	A period dedicated to socializing, being hospitable, giving generously to the poor and needy, and preparing for the upcoming month of fasting.
February 28*	<a href="#">National Day of School &amp; Community Readings</a>	A national event to support gender diversity by hosting readings of affirming books. FKA Jazz & Friends. <a href="#">Welcoming Schools National Day of Reading! - Human Rights Campaign (hrc.org)</a>

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**American Red Cross Month** honors and celebrates the everyday heroes who help fulfill the mission of the American Red Cross. <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/red-cross-month>

**Arts Education Month.** Based on the words of President Kennedy, “To further the appreciation of culture among all people, to increase respect for the creative individual, to widen participation by all the processes and fulfillments of art – this is one of the most fascinating challenges of these days.”

**Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month** promotes an understanding of the scope of the disease. <https://mymsaa.org>

**Music in Our Schools Month** communicates the importance of music in the learning experience. Sponsored by The National Association for Music Education. <https://nafme.org/>

**National Athletic Training Month** spreads awareness about the important work of athletic trainers. [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org)

**National Kidney Month.** Kidney disease is called the silent killer because it is often asymptomatic. Learn about kidney health and kidney donation. [National Institute of Kidney Diseases](https://www.nidk.nih.gov/health-topics/kidney-disease)

**National Middle Level Education Month** encourages middle schools to focus on the educational needs of early adolescents. Sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. [www.nassp.org](http://www.nassp.org)

**National Nutrition Month.** Make informed food choices and develop sound eating and physical activity habits. <https://www.eatright.org/about-national-nutrition-month>

**National Save Your Vision Month** promotes eye health, awareness around digital eyestrain and the importance of receiving regular, comprehensive eye exams from a Doctor of Optometry. <https://www.aoa.org>

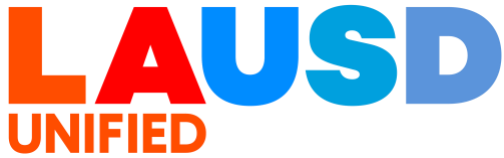
**National Social Work Month** is an opportunity for social workers and their allies to spotlight the profession and highlight the important contributions social workers make to society. <https://www.socialworkers.org>

**Dual Enrollment Awareness** month raises awareness of and encourages participation in dual enrollment to expand college and career pathways. (Board Rule 1102)

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**National Women's History Month** celebrates the rich and inspiring heritage of the contributions of women to the United States. (Board Rule 1102)

**Student Parent Awareness Month** celebrates student parents by creating opportunities where they can be embraced as parents at the same time as students. (Board Rule 1102)

**We Are One: Standing with Immigrant Families Awareness Month** increases and improves resources for students, staff, and families, and develops supports for post-graduate college and career opportunities for undocumented students. (Board Rule 1102)

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February 18 – March 19 <sup>++^</sup>	Ramadan (I)	This commemorates the first revelation of the Qur'an. Marks the beginning of a month long fast that Muslims must keep from dawn to dusk.
March 1-20 <sup>*^</sup>	Nineteen Day Fast (Ja)	The nineteen-day sunrise-to-sunset fast is one of the greatest obligations of a Bahá'í. Its chief purpose is to reinvigorate the soul and bring the person closer to God.
March 2	Read Across America	Celebrates diverse readers with books that represent an array of experiences and cultures. (Board Rule 1102). <a href="http://www.readacrossamerica.org">www.readacrossamerica.org</a>
March 2-6 <sup>*</sup>	Week of the School Administrator	Acknowledges educational leadership at the school, district, and county levels. <i>Also observed the second full week in October.</i> (Board Rule 1102)
March 2-6 <sup>*</sup>	National School Breakfast Week	Promotes the benefits of a healthy school breakfast. <i>Observed the first full week of March.</i> <a href="https://schoolnutrition.org/about-school-meals/national-school-breakfast-week/">https://schoolnutrition.org/about-school-meals/national-school-breakfast-week/</a>

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March 2-6*	Say Something Week	Celebrates the importance of trusted adults and upstanders in our community. <a href="https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/our-programs/say-something/say-something-week">https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/our-programs/say-something/say-something-week</a>
March 2-6*	Newspapers in Education Week	Promotes the use of newspapers as an educational resource in the classroom. <i>Observed the first full week of March.</i>
March 2-3+*	Purim (J)	Purim is one of the most joyous holidays of the Jewish calendar, commemorating the saving of the Jewish people from a conspiracy to destroy them.
March 3	National Anthem Day	Celebrate national anthems of the world, from the obscure and forgotten to the ones that ring out every day.
March 5	Black American Day	The anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks, the first Black American martyr, in the Boston Massacre. (Ed. Code 37221, Board Rule 1102)
March 6*	National Dress in Blue Day	Wear blue and encourage everyone to learn about colon cancer, one of the top cancers causing death. <i>First Friday in March.</i>
March 7	California Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day	Promote a spirit of protection and conservation toward birds, trees, and other natural resources. (Ed. Code 37221, Board Rule 1102) <a href="https://www.arborday.org/states/state.cfm?state=-ca">https://www.arborday.org/states/state.cfm?state=-ca</a>
March 8	International Women's Day	Celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day</a>

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March 8*	Daylight Saving Time begins Standard Time ends	The beginning of all U.S. time zones, move the clocks forward at 2 a.m.
March 8*	Change Your Clock Change Your Batteries	Stay safe by changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms when you change your clocks. <a href="https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Smoke-alarms/Changing-clocks-and-batteries">https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Smoke-alarms/Changing-clocks-and-batteries</a>
March 10	National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	Raise awareness about how women can protect themselves and their partners from HIV. <a href="http://www.womenshealth.gov">www.womenshealth.gov</a>
March 11	World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film	Use culture, art, and film to create bridges and dialogues of understanding.
March 14	Pi Day	Pi Day celebrates the mathematical symbol Pi (Greek letter “π”) which represents a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. <a href="http://www.piday.org">www.piday.org</a>
March 15 <sup>++^</sup>	Lailat Al-Qadr (I)	The Night of Power marks the night in which God first revealed the Qur’an to the Prophet Muhammad.
March 15-21*	National Poison Prevention Week	Learn about the dangers of accidental poisonings and take appropriate preventative measures. <i>Observed the third week of March.</i> <a href="https://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-you-can-do/poison-prevention-week">https://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-you-can-do/poison-prevention-week</a>

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March 17	St. Patrick's Day	Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Notable observances include the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City and the wearing of green.
March 19*^	Chaitra Sukhladi (H)	Chaitra is the first month of the year according to the lunar religious calendars.
March 19-20**^	Eid Al-Fitr (I)	The Feast of the Breaking of the Fast marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.
March 20*	Vernal Equinox	The date when night and day are nearly the same length and marks the first day of the season of spring.
March 21+*	Naw-Rúz (Ba)	The first day of the Bahá'í calendar year. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	The call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination was adopted in 1979 by the United Nations. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day</a>
March 21	<a href="#">World Down Syndrome Awareness Day</a>	March 21 <sup>st</sup> signifies the unique triplication (trisomy) of the 21 <sup>st</sup> chromosome which causes Down syndrome. (Board Rule 1102) <a href="https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/">https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/</a>
March 23-29*	<a href="#">National Tsunami Preparedness Week</a>	Learn about and prepare for tsunamis on the anniversary week of the 1964 great Alaska tsunami and earthquake. <i>Occurs during the week of March 27.</i> <a href="https://nws.weather.gov/nthmp/">https://nws.weather.gov/nthmp/</a>

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March 26*	Rama Navami (H)	The celebration of the birthday of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the God Vishnu, is a major Hindu festival that is celebrated all over India.
March 27* <i>Schools closed</i>	Cesar Chavez Day <i>observed</i>	Celebrate the birth and legacy of civil rights and movement activist Cesar Chavez. (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rule 1102).
March 28-April 5*	<a href="#">National Environmental Education Week</a>	Celebrate environmental education and stewardship.
March 29*	Palm Sunday (RC)(P)	The day commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. <i>Observed the Sunday before Easter.</i>
March 29	<a href="#">Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day</a>	Recognize the contributions of all those involved in the Vietnam War. (Ed. Code 37222.14, Board Rule 1102)
March 31	Cesar Chavez Day	Celebrate the birth and legacy of civil rights and movement activist Cesar Chavez. (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rule 1102). <i>Observed March 27</i>
March 31	<a href="#">Transgender Day of Visibility</a>	Celebrate transgender people through stories of excellence, contributions, and resiliency. <a href="https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/international-transgender-day-of-visibility">https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/international-transgender-day-of-visibility</a>
March 31 <sup>^</sup> *	Mahavira Jayanti (Ja)	The birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira, the 24 <sup>th</sup> Tirthankar and the founder of modern Jainism.

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**Autism Acceptance Month** highlights the need for education and awareness about autism and topics within the autism community. <https://autismsociety.org/autism-acceptance-month/>

**Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide** of 1915 reminds us that no one is immune to unethical and inhumane treatment. Awareness and recognition of crimes against humanity is a key step for all human beings to take. Through education and dialogue, we can ensure similar atrocities are not carried out in the future.

**Jazz Appreciation Month** shines the spotlight on the extraordinary history of jazz and its importance in American culture. <https://americanhistory.si.edu/smithsonian-jazz/jazz-appreciation-month>

**Month of the Military Child** underscores the significant role of the 1.3 million school children in the Armed Forces community.

**National Arab American Heritage Month** celebrates the history, contributions, and culture of the diverse population of Arab Americans and Arab-speaking people in the U.S.

**National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.** Bilingual/multilingual learners are the fastest growing student population, bringing multiple assets to schools and adding to the rich diversity among students.

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month** calls attention to the alarming rate at which children are abused and neglected, the need to prevent child abuse, and to assist those affected by maltreatment. <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

**National Financial Literacy Month** highlights the importance of financial literacy and healthy financial habits.

**National Poetry Month** increases awareness and appreciation of poetry.  
<https://www.poets.org>

**Neurodiversity Awareness Month** celebrates naturally occurring neurological differences, such as autism, attention deficit hyperactivity, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Tourette syndrome, and other neurological differences, which should be respected as any other human variation.

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<p><b><u>Parkinson's Awareness Month</u></b> draws awareness to the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second to Alzheimer's. <a href="https://www.parkinson.org/parkinsons-awareness-month">https://www.parkinson.org/parkinsons-awareness-month</a></p> <p><b><u>School Library Month</u></b> celebrates the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning. <a href="https://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm">https://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm</a></p> <p><b><u>Sexual Assault Awareness Month</u></b> calls upon all people to share responsibility for protecting each other from sexual assault, supporting victims when it does occur and bringing perpetrators to justice. <a href="http://www.nsvrc.org/saam">www.nsvrc.org/saam</a></p> <p><b>Stress Awareness Month</b> brings attention to the negative impact of stress and of successful coping strategies. Visit <a href="https://www.lausd.org/mh">https://www.lausd.org/mh</a> for resources.</p>		
April 1*	National Walking Day	Lace up your sneakers and walk for at least 30 minutes to raise awareness of the importance of physical activity and to get started on a healthier way of life. <i>Occurs the first Wednesday in April.</i>
April 1-9**	Passover (Pesach) (J)	The Jewish festival marking the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.
April 2	International Children's Book Day	This day is observed on Hans Christian Andersen's birthday to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.
April 3*	Good Friday (RC)(P)	Good Friday commemorates the end of Lent and Christ's crucifixion, death, and entombment.
April 5*	Easter Sunday (RC)(P)	Holiday with secular and religious connotations. The religious observance marks the resurrection of Christ. Secular observations include colored eggs and Easter baskets. <i>Observed the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox.</i>

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April 5-11*	<a href="#">Week of the Young Child</a>	Promote activities that honor young children and those who make a difference in children's lives. Sponsored by National Association for the Education of Young Children. (Board Rule 1102) <a href="http://www.naeyc.org">www.naeyc.org</a>
April 6	California Poppy Day	Honor the California poppy by learning about the economic and aesthetic value of wildflowers and native plants and by promoting responsible behavior toward our natural resources. (Ed. Code 37222, Board Rule 1102)
April 7	World Health Day	Draw global attention to the health of different human populations.
April 10	Dolores Huerta Day	Dolores Huerta has spent her adult life working to advance the rights of farm workers and empower women. (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rule 1102)
April 10*	<a href="#">Day of (No) Silence</a>	Take a vow of silence to bring attention to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender biased name-calling, bullying and harassment. <i>Observed the second Friday in April.</i> <a href="https://www.glsen.org/day-silence">https://www.glsen.org/day-silence</a>
April 12*	Easter Sunday (Pascha) (OC)	The Orthodox Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The Orthodox Easter follows Passover.
April 13	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	Thomas Jefferson, the U.S.'s third president, was one of the country's founding fathers and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.
April 13-14+*	Holocaust Remembrance Day Yom HaShoah (J)	Memorialize the martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

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April 19*	Patriots Day	Commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord which were fought near Boston in 1775. <i>Observed the third Monday of April.</i>
April 19-25*	<a href="#">National Library Week</a>	Visit your local library! Be thankful for all the knowledge that librarians possess and share. <i>Varies every year</i> <b>April 16*</b> is National Librarian Day <a href="https://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek">https://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek</a>
April 20-24*	Administrative Professionals Week	Remember the key role of administrative professionals. <i>Occurs during the last full week in April.</i> <b>April 22*</b> is Administrative Professional Day.
April 20-May 2* *	First day of Ridván (Ba)	The first day of the Ridván Festival. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
April 20-24*	<a href="#">Public School Volunteer Week</a>	Honors and highlights the contributions of parents and caregivers to support student success. <i>Observed the third full week of April.</i> <a href="http://www.projectappleseed.org">www.projectappleseed.org</a>
April 21	John Muir Day	Stress the importance of an ecologically sound natural environment in the quality of life and the indelible mark John Muir's left on California. (Ed. Code 37222.11, Board Rule 1102)
April 22	Earth Day	A day on which various events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. (Board Rule 1102)
April 23*	Take Our Children to Work Day	Create an opportunity for children to share and communicate their expectations for the future. <i>Observed the fourth Thursday in April.</i> (MEM-5415) <a href="https://tacw.ja.org/">https://tacw.ja.org/</a>
April 23	World Book Day	The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. <a href="http://www.ala.org">www.ala.org</a>

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April 24 <b>Schools closed</b>	Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration of Armenian Genocide	Commemorate the 1.5 million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire who perished between 1915 and 1923. (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rule 1102)
April 26	Lesbian Visibility Day	Annual day to celebrate, recognize and bring visibility to lesbians.
April 28*	School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day	Recognize the drivers who work to get our students to and from school and activities safely each day. <i>Observed the fourth Tuesday in April</i>
April 28-29**	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Ba)	The ninth day of the Ridván Festival. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
April 27-May 2*	<a href="#">School Nutrition Employee Week</a>	Showcase the difference school nutrition professionals make for every child who comes through the cafeteria. <a href="https://schoolnutrition.org">https://schoolnutrition.org</a>
April 29*	<a href="#">Denim Day</a> Peace Over Violence	Wear denim to raise awareness about sexual assault. (Board Rule 1102) <i>Observed the last Wednesday in April.</i> <a href="https://denimday.org/">https://denimday.org/</a>

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**Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month** celebrates the collective accomplishments of Asian Pacific Islanders who comprise many ethnic groups with diverse backgrounds, histories, languages, and cultures. (Board Rule 1102)

<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>

**Better Hearing and Speech Month** raises awareness about communication disorders and the role of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association members in providing life-altering treatment. <https://www.asha.org/>

**Foster and Kinship Care Month** shines a light on the experiences of youth in foster care. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth>

**Jewish American Heritage Month** pays tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who helped form the fabric of American history, culture, and society. <https://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/>

**Labor History Month** encourages schools to make pupils aware of the role the labor movement has played in shaping California and the United States.

**Mental Health Awareness Month** provides support, educates the public and advocates for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month** promotes the importance of physical activity, physical fitness, and sports participation. <https://wellnessatnih.ors.od.nih.gov/news/Pages/Celebrate-National-Physical-Fitness-and-Sports-Month.aspx>

**Safe Jobs for Youth Month** informs young workers of their rights and responsibilities as they enter the workforce. <https://youngworkers.org/>

May 1

International  
Workers' Day

The worldwide celebration of the social and economic achievements of workers.

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May 2026		
May 1	School Principals Day	Appreciate the educational leaders who assume the commitment to lead our young people to a prosperous future.
May 1	May Day	May Day is a traditional spring holiday with dancing, singing and cake as part of the celebration.
May 1*	Buddha Day (B)	Also known as Vesak or Visakha Puja, it marks the occasion of the birth, spiritual awakening, and death of the historical Buddha.
May 2**	Twelfth Day of Ridván (Ba)	The twelfth day of the Ridván Festival is one of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
May 3	World Press Freedom Day	Inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and reminds us of the many journalists who brave death or jail to bring us the news.
May 4*	National Teacher Day, Día Nacional del Maestro	Commemorate teachers and the teaching profession. <i>Observed the Tuesday during Teacher Appreciation Week.</i> (Ed. Code 37222.10, Board Rule 1102)
May 4-8*	<a href="#">Teacher and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week</a>	Celebrate and deliver thanks and gratitude for the inspiration and motivation teachers give to students. <i>Occurs the first week of May.</i> <a href="http://www.nea.org">www.nea.org</a>
May 4-8*	<a href="#">Children's Book Week</a>	Celebrate children's books and reading. Established in 1919, it is the longest-running national literacy initiative. Visit <a href="https://everychildareader.net/cbw/">https://everychildareader.net/cbw/</a> for resources.

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May 4-8*	<a href="#">Screen-Free Week</a>	Discover the joys of life beyond the screen. Spend time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends. <i>Observed the first week of May.</i> <a href="https://www.screenfree.org/">https://www.screenfree.org/</a>
May 4-8*	<a href="#">Be Kind to Animals Week</a>	Improve the wellness, welfare, and well-being of the nation's animals. <i>Occurs during the first full week of May.</i> <a href="http://www.americanhumane.org">www.americanhumane.org</a>
May 4-8*	Student Mental Health Week	Advocate for staff, students, and families by building awareness and skills around mental health and wellness. (Board Res-024-20/21)
May 5	<a href="#">National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls/ Red Dress Day</a>	Wear red to raise awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. <a href="https://www.niwrc.org/">https://www.niwrc.org/</a>
May 5	Cinco de Mayo	The anniversary of the 1862 Mexican victory over the French army in the Battle of Puebla. (Board Rule 1102)
May 6-12	<a href="#">National Nurses Week</a>	Celebrate the nurses who lead the charge for health and wellness. Culminates on Florence Nightingale's birthday. May 6* honors school nurses who care for students every day. <i>Occurs on Wednesday in National Nurse Week.</i> <a href="https://www.nasn.org">https://www.nasn.org</a>

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May 6*	National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	Help teens postpone parenting until they are through school and in stable, committed relationships. <i>Observed the first Wednesday in May.</i>
May 6*	<a href="#">Walk, Bike &amp; Roll to School Day</a>	Take the first step toward changing community culture and creating options for getting around that are more inviting for everyone. <i>Occurs on the first Wednesday in May.</i> <a href="http://www.walkbiketoschool.org">www.walkbiketoschool.org</a>
May 10	El Dia de la Madre	El Dia de la Madre was established in Mexico in 1922 to pay respect to mothers.
May 10*	Mother's Day	Mother's Day was established in 1914. <i>Observed the second Sunday in May.</i>
May 10-16*	<a href="#">National Women's Health Week</a>	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health encourages women to take steps to improve their physical and mental health. <a href="http://www.womenshealth.gov">www.womenshealth.gov</a>
May 10-16*	<a href="#">National Police Week</a>	Recognize the service and sacrifices by law enforcement. <b>May 15*</b> is National Peace Officers Memorial Day and pays tribute to those who have died or become disabled in the line of duty.
May 14*	Ascension Day (RC) (P)	The ascension of Jesus took place in the presence of his apostles forty days after the Resurrection, thought to have occurred on Mount Olive in Bethany.
May 16*	Armed Forces Day	Thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. <i>Observed the third Saturday in May.</i>

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May 17	Anniversary of School Desegregation Ruling, Brown v. Board of Education	Racial segregation in public schools was unanimously ruled unconstitutional in 1954 by the Supreme Court in Brown v. Board of Education.
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	Draws attention to the violence and discrimination targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex people, and all of those with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics.
May 17-23*	<a href="#">Classified Employee Week</a>	Recognizes the important contributions of classified school employees. <i>Observed the third full week of May.</i> <a href="https://www.csea.com">https://www.csea.com</a>
May 20	Red Sneaker Day	Supports those who suffer from food allergies by wearing red sneakers.
May 21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	Established by UNESCO, this day highlights not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.
May 22	Harvey Milk Day	Recognizes the life, accomplishments, and contributions of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man elected to public office in California. (Ed. Code 37222.13, Board Rule 1102)

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May 23-24+*	Declaration of the Báb (Ba)	The day of the declaration of <a href="#">the Bab</a> , who was the forerunner of <a href="#">Baha'u'llah</a> the founder of the Baha'i Faith. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
May 25	<a href="#">National Missing Children's Day</a>	Spotlights the threat of child abduction, informs families about ways to keep their children safe, and supports victims' families. <a href="https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/nmcd/about-missing-childrens-day">https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/nmcd/about-missing-childrens-day</a>
May 25* <b>Schools closed</b>	Memorial Day f.k.a. Decoration Day	To pay homage to all who died in war, the U.S. flag is quickly raised to the top of the flagpole, slowly lowered to half-staff (to honor fallen soldiers) and then raised again to full height at noon (to symbolize the resolve to carry on the fight for freedom so that the nation's heroes will not have died in vain). <i>Observed the last Monday in May.</i> (Ed. Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
May 28-29+*	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Ba)	The day that marks when Baha'u'llah passed away in 1892. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
May 21*	Ascension Day (OC)	The ascension of Jesus took place in the presence of his apostles forty days after the Resurrection, thought to have occurred on Mount Olive in Bethany.
May 21-23+*	Shavuot, Festival of Weeks (J)	A festival commemorating the giving of the law (Torah) to Moses on Mount Sinai.

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May 24*	Pentecost – Whitsunday (RC) (P)	Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus. <i>Observed fifty days or the seventh Sunday after Easter.</i>
May 26-27 <sup>++^</sup>	Eid al-Adha (I)	The Feast of the Sacrifice marks the end of the Pilgrimage to Mecca and is a time to seek mercy from God.
May 31*	Pentecost – Whitsunday (OC)	Orthodox Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus. <i>Observed fifty days or the seventh Sunday after Pascha (Orthodox Easter).</i>
May 31	Day of AANHPI AMEMSA Activism	The day of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian activism commemorates Vincent Jen Chin, a victim of a hate crime in 1982. (Board Resolution-044-18/19, Board Rule 1102)
May 31	<a href="#">World No Tobacco Day</a>	Generate awareness about the health risks of tobacco use and promotes reduction of tobacco use worldwide. <a href="https://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/">https://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/</a>

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**Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month**. Wear purple to draw awareness to the most common neurodegenerative disease. <https://www.alz.org/abam/overview.asp>

**Fireworks Safety Month** educates those using fireworks on the dangers and injuries that can result from careless behavior. [Firework safety month](#)

**Immigrant Heritage Month**. Everyone has an immigrant story. Share yours #celebrateimmigrants.

**National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month**. Eat more fruit and vegetables every day of the year. <https://healthyforgood.heart.org>

**National Safety Month** focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. <https://www.nsc.org/events>

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month** recognizes how LGBTQ+ Americans strengthen our country by using their talent and creativity to help create awareness and goodwill. Pride Month is celebrated internationally. (Board Rule 1102) <https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/>

**Rainbow Book Month** is the American Library Association's celebration of authors and writings that reflect the lives and experiences of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, genderqueer, queer, intersex, agender, and asexual community. <https://www.ala.org/rt/rrt/rainbow-book-month>

June 5	<a href="#">World Environment Day</a>	Encourage awareness and action for the protection of our environment. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day</a>
June 5*	<a href="#">National Gun Violence Awareness</a>	Wear orange to raise awareness of gun violence. <i>Observed the first Friday in June.</i> (Board Resolution-012-22/23). <a href="#">Gun Awareness Day</a>

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June 11	Play Day	Established by the United Nations in 2024 to preserve, promote and prioritize play as a universal language that fosters community and national pride. (Board Rule 1102)
June 12	Loving Day	Observes the 1967 Supreme Court Loving v. Virginia decision that struck down the miscegenation laws barring interracial marriage.
June 12	Anne Frank Day	The birthday of a young Jewish girl whose diary described her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through the assistance of Gentile friends.
June 13-14 <sup>^</sup>	Christopher Street West Anniversary of Stonewall Rebellion	Pride events around the world recognize the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion as a turning point in equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. <i>Typically observed the second weekend of June in Los Angeles.</i> <a href="https://lapride.org/">https://lapride.org/</a>
June 14 <sup>*</sup>	Race Unity Day (Ba)	The Bahá'í-sponsored observance promotes racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity. <i>Observed the second Sunday in June.</i>
June 14	Flag Day	The Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes as the nation's official flag on June 14, 1777.
June 19 <b>Schools closed</b>	Juneteenth, aka Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day	Commemorates the day that enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas learned of their emancipation. Designated as a federal holiday in 2021 by President Biden. (Board Rule 1101)
June 20	<a href="#">World Refugee Day</a>	Communities, schools, businesses, faith groups and people from all walks of life stand in solidarity with refugees. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day</a>

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June 21*	Summer Solstice	Summer solstice marks the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and the first day of summer.
June 21*	Father's Day	Celebrates fathers, fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. <i>Observed the third Sunday in June.</i>
June 26	<a href="#">Marriage Equality Day</a>	Observes the 2015 Supreme Court Obergefell v. Hodges decision that ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples. <a href="https://www.freedomtomarry.org/">https://www.freedomtomarry.org/</a>

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