



**TITLE:** Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, School Year 2023-24

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**ROUTING**  
All Employees  
All Locations

**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.

**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 LA Unified. Omissions are not intended to be exclusionary in nature.

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. 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-5479.2](#), *Guidelines for Teaching About Religions*.)

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-5464.10](#), *Initial Notification of Truancy (1st NOT) Report Central Automation and School Generated (2nd and 3rd NOT) Procedures.*)

**MAJOR  
CHANGES:**

This memorandum replaces MEM-5466.12, *Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, School Year 2022-2023*, with updated dates and observances since the last memorandum was issued.

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

**RELATED  
RESOURCES:**

- [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*
- [California History-Social Science Framework](#)
- [BUL-5298.2](#), *Guidelines for Halloween Activities*, dated September 26, 2017, issued by the Office of the Division of District Operations
- [BUL-5479.2](#), *Guidelines for Teaching About Religions*, dated April 11, 2016, issued by the School Operations and Office of Educational Services
- [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*, dated May 12, 2014, issued by the Office of the Superintendent-School Operations
- [MEM-075300.3](#), *Admission Day/Labor Day Holiday*, dated August 29, 2022, issued by Human Resources Division
- [MEM-5415.12](#), *Take Our Children to Work Day*, dated April 10, 2023, issued by the Division of School Operations
- [MEM-5818.10](#), *Nondiscrimination Required Notices and Ordering of Student Brochures*, dated April 25, 2022, issued by the Office of the General Counsel

- [MEM-6544.7](#), *Observance of Constitution Day*, dated August 15, 2022, issued by the Division of Instruction
- [REF-3973.8](#), *College Awareness Experiences for High School Students During the Annual LAUSD College Month in October*, dated October 11, 2021, issued by the Division of Instruction
- [REF-5464.10](#), *Initial Notification of Truancy (1st NOT) Report Central Automation and School Generated (2nd and 3rd NOT) Procedures*, dated July 31, 2023, issued by the Division of School Operations

**ASSISTANCE:**

Instructional resources and support may be obtained from several LAUSD units:

[Access Equity and Acceleration](#), 213-241-3340

[Division of Instruction](#), 213-241-6444; [instruction@lausd.org](mailto:instruction@lausd.org)

[Human Relations, Diversity and Equity](#), 213-241-8719;  
[humanrelations@lausd.org](mailto:humanrelations@lausd.org)

[Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department](#), 213-242-5582

[Office of Student Civil Rights](#), 213-241-7682; [officeofstudentcivilrights.org](http://officeofstudentcivilrights.org)

For further assistance, information, or errors of omission or commission, please contact Student Health and Human Services - Human Relations, Diversity and Equity at (213) 241-8719, [Judy.Chiasson@lausd.org](mailto:Judy.Chiasson@lausd.org)

CALENDAR OF COMMEMORATIVE DATES AND OBSERVANCES  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

This calendar is provided to help plan school and work calendars. There are twelve federal holidays:

Set by date:

- **New Year's Day**, January 1
- **Inauguration Day**, January 20\*  
(occurs every 4 years)
- **Juneteenth**, June 19
- **Independence Day**, July 4
- **Veterans Day**, November 11
- **Christmas Day**, December 25

Floating event:

- **Thanksgiving**, fourth Thursday of November

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

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, regional customs, group preferences, and lunar/solar cycles.

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

- + Observation begins at sunset
- \* Observation date may change annually
- ^ Regional variations of the observation date

Some religious holidays are solar-or lunar- based and 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 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. These floating events are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

Other observances have local or regional variations. These events 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](#), [Interfaith Calendar](#), and other government and non-government sites. For additional resources, visit the LAUSD's Human Relations, Diversity and Equity at <https://www.lausd.org/human-relations>.

Inclusion does not imply official endorsement by Los Angeles Unified. Omissions are not intended to be exclusionary in nature. Errors of omission or commission should be directed to [Judy.Chiasson@lausd.org](mailto:Judy.Chiasson@lausd.org).

July 2023		
<p><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></p> <p><b>Muslim American Heritage Month</b> honors the contributions and integral role of Muslim Americans in the economy, culture, and identity of the United States. <a href="https://muslimamericanheritage.org/">https://muslimamericanheritage.org/</a></p> <p><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></p>		
July 4 <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>	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**	<b>Martyrdom of the Báb (Ba)</b>	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	<b>World Population Day</b>	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 18	<b>Nelson Mandela International Day</b>	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	<b>Americans with Disabilities Day</b>	The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990 to guarantee equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

July 27-28 <sup>+</sup>	<b>Ashura (I)</b>	A day of fasting that is <i>observed on the tenth day of Muharram</i> to celebrate Moses' exodus from Egypt.
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<b>August 2023</b>		
<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> is an annual observance to highlight 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 in America.</p>		
August 1*^	<b>National Night Out</b>	An annual community-building campaign that 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 1*^	<b>Asalha Puja Day – Dharma Day (B)</b>	The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching after his enlightenment. <i>Observed on the first full moon in eighth lunar month, typically in July (but in August this year).</i>
August 9	<b>International Day of the World's Indigenous People</b>	The celebration of the richness of indigenous cultures and the recognition of 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*^	<b>International Youth Day</b>	Celebrates the role of youth as essential partners in change and raise awareness of the challenges and hardships facing the world's youth. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day">https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day</a>
August 13-15	<b>Obon (B)</b>	Three-day festival during which Japanese and Japanese/American honor their ancestors.
August 15	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (RC)</b>	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.
August 19	<b>World Humanitarian Day</b>	Gives tribute to humanitarian workers who have risked and lost their lives in humanitarian service.



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August 23	<b>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</b>	The memorialization of the transatlantic slave trade's tragedy coincides with the 1791 anniversary of the Santo Domingo uprising that started its abolition. <a href="https://www.unesco.org/en/days/slave-trade-remembrance">https://www.unesco.org/en/days/slave-trade-remembrance</a>
August 26	<b>Women's Equality Day</b>	The commemoration of the 1920 passage of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment which gave women full voting rights. <a href="https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/womens-equality-day">https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/womens-equality-day</a>
August 30*	<b>Raksha Bandhan</b> (H)	The Hindu festival that celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and sisters. On this day, sisters tie sacred threads on their brother's wrists and brothers vow to protect their sisters against all odds.
August 30*	<b>Ullambana, The Ghost Festival</b> (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.

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**September 2023**

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** is a time to honor and remember children and families affected by these devastating diseases and rally support to give kids with cancer better outcomes. <https://childrenscancer.org>

**Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month** is a time to appreciate and celebrate the colorful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American 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** serves as a reminder to ensure all children have library cards. *Los Angeles Public Library:* <https://www.lapl.org/studentsuccess/card>; *American Library Association:* [www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card](http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card)

**National Preparedness Month** reminds us that we all must be prepared for emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and visit. <https://www.ready.gov/september>

**National School Success Month** is a time to encourage students and teachers to continue to reach for the stars.

**School Attendance Month** brings awareness to the importance of school attendance. Schools are encouraged to promote attendance through activities such as parent workshops, announcements, awards/recognitions and attendance incentives. <https://www.lausd.org/iattendlausd>

**Suicide Prevention Month** is a time for mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members to unite and promote suicide prevention awareness. <https://988lifeline.org/>

September 1* <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>California Admission Day,</b> <i>Observed</i>	California was admitted as the 31 <sup>st</sup> state on September 9, 1850. <i>Observed on September 1.</i> (Board Rules 1101, 1102)
September 4* <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	The federal holiday was first celebrated in 1882 to recognize U.S. workers. <i>Observed the first Monday in September.</i> (Ed Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
September 8	<b>International Literacy Day</b>	International Literacy Day 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>

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September 6 <sup>*^</sup>	<b>Krishna Janmashtami</b> (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.
September 10-16 <sup>*</sup>	<b>National Suicide Prevention Week</b>	Suicide is never the answer. National Suicide Prevention Week increases suicide prevention awareness. <a href="https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/">https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/</a>
September 10	<b>World Suicide Prevention Day</b>	Suicide is never the answer. Increase suicide prevention awareness. <a href="https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/">https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/</a>
September 10 <sup>*</sup>	<b>National Grandparents Day</b>	Celebrate grandparents on this day of giving of self; sharing hopes, dreams, and values; setting an example, and advocating for future generations. <i>Observed the first Sunday after Labor Day.</i> <a href="https://grandparentsday.org">https://grandparentsday.org</a>
September 11	<b>Patriot Day</b>	An annual observance to commemorate those who were injured or died during the September 11 <sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. Flags fly at half-mast. (Code 144, Ed Code 37220.21) (Title 36, US) <a href="http://www.911memorial.org">www.911memorial.org</a>
September 12-19 <sup>+* ^</sup>	<b>Paryushana Parva</b> (Ja)	The most important Jain festival consists of eight (Swetambra) or ten (Digambara) days of intensive fasting, repentance, and reflection.
September 16	<b>Mexican Independence Day Celebration of Mexican History and Culture</b>	September 16 marks the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain in 1810. (Board Rule 1102)
September 16	<b>National Stepfamily Day</b>	Celebrates blended families.

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September 16	<b>National Clean Up Day</b>	Take time to clean up your local or national park. <a href="https://www.nationalcleanupday.org">https://www.nationalcleanupday.org</a>
September 15-17*	<b>Rosh Hashanah (J)</b>	Jewish New Year is a time of inner renewal and divine atonement.
September 17	<b>Constitution Day</b>	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 22*	<b>Native American Day</b>	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 23	<b>Bi Visibility Day</b>	Recognizes and celebrates bisexual history, bisexual community and culture and raise awareness of the issues facing the bisexual community.
September 24*	<b>Gold Star Mother's Day</b>	Honors the mothers of fallen service members from all Armed Forces. <i>Observed on the last Sunday of September.</i>
September 24*	<b>Dasara Vijayadashami (H)</b>	The day signifies victory and valor. Lord Rama slew the evil Ravana and emerged victorious on this day.
September 24-25+*	<b>Yom Kippur (J)</b>	The Day of Atonement marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.
September 26-27**	<b>Mawlid al-Nabi (I)</b>	The celebration of the birthday of Muhammad, the founder of Islam.
September 27*	<b>See You at the Flagpole</b>	National event of students praying together, usually before school at the school's flagpole. <i>Observed on the fourth Wednesday in September.</i> <a href="http://www.syatp.com">www.syatp.com</a>

September 29- October 6+*	<b>Sukkot (J)</b>	The weeklong Feast of Booths commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.
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**October 2023**

**Blindness Awareness Month** was established to help people understand the realities of living without sight. <https://www.fightingblindness.org/>

**Bully Prevention Month** Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help prevent bullying by building a safe school environment and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy. [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)

**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** **Crime Prevention Month** was established in 1984 to spread the word about crime prevention and personal safety. <https://www.nnw.org/october>

**Cultural Diversity Month** is a time to recognize and understand our differences, be it gender, race, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation and other factors while honoring the common essence of humanity.

**Daniel Pearl World Music Days** is an international network of concerts that uses the power of music to reaffirm our commitment to tolerance and humanity. <https://www.danielpearl.org/>

**Disability Awareness Month** increases awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities. Board Rule 1102

**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.

**Filipino American History Month** honors the history, pursuits, accomplishments and legacy of Filipino Americans. [www.fanhs-national.org](http://www.fanhs-national.org)

**Girls Empowerment Month** introduces girls to different career opportunities, especially those in schools focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).  
<https://girlsbuildla.weebly.com/girls-empowerment-month.html>

**Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month** is a time to appreciate and celebrate 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).

**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 and raises funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure. The campaign also 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 who are working to end violence 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 all of their abilities and accomplishments.

**National Energy Awareness Month** encourages the government and organizations to raise 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://youth.gov/feature-article/national-substance-abuse-prevention-month>

October 2	<b>International Day of Non-Violence</b>	The United Nations established the International Day of Non-Violence 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*	<b>National Child Health Day</b>	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)
October 5	<b>World Teachers' Day</b>	Established in 1966 by UNESCO regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers. <a href="https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday">https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday</a>
October 7-8**	<b>Simchat Torah (J)</b>	Simchat Torah celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle.
October 6-8+*	<b>Shemini Atzeret (J)</b>	The Eighth Day of Assembly occurs immediately following Sukkoth.
October 8-14*	<b>National Fire Prevention</b>	Practice your escape! The Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871 killed 250+ people and left 100,000+ homeless.

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	<b>Week</b>	<a href="https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About">https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About</a>
October 8-14*	<b>Week of the School Administrator</b>	Acknowledges educational leadership at the school, district, and county levels. <i>Observed the second full week in October. Also observed March 1-7. (Ed. Code 44015.1)</i>
October 8-14*	<b>American Indian Awareness Week</b>	Recognized by President Ford in 1976, making it the first national recognition for American Indians. <i>Observed the second week in October. (Board Rule 1102)</i>
October 9*	<b>Indigenous People's Day</b>	Celebrates and honors Native American peoples and commemorate their histories and cultures. <i>Observed the second Monday in October.</i>
October 9*	<b>Discoverers' Day</b>	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. (Board Rule 1102)</i>
October 10	<b>World Mental Health Day</b>	The World Health Organization raises awareness and aids advocacy campaigns about mental health concerns. <a href="http://www.who.int">www.who.int</a>
October 11	<b>National Coming Out Day</b>	An international event established in 1987 to promote the vision of 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*	<b>Unity Day</b>	Wear orange as a message for hope and support and against bullying. <i>Occurs the second Thursday in October. (Board Rule 1102)</i> <a href="http://www.pacer.org">www.pacer.org</a>
October 15	<b>National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day</b>	Latinx made up more than one quarter of new HIV cases. NLAAD aims to get more Latinx people to join the fight to end the epidemic. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/nlaad.html">https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/nlaad.html</a>
October 15	<b>White Cane Safety Day</b>	Celebrates 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)



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October 15-21*	<b>National Safe Schools Week</b>	Activities draw attention to the problem of school violence and educate everyone about making schools safer and more secure. <i>Occurs the third full week in October.</i> <a href="http://www.schoolsafety.us/safe-schools-week">www.schoolsafety.us/safe-schools-week</a>
October 16	<b>World Food Day</b>	Promotes worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security for all.
October 16-17**	<b>Birth of the Báb and the Bahá'u'lláh (Ba)</b>	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 16-20*	<b>National School Bus Safety Week</b>	National School Bus Safety Week addresses the importance of school bus safety. <i>Occurs during the third full week of October.</i> <a href="http://www.napt.org/nsbsw">www.napt.org/nsbsw</a>
October 16-22*	<b>Digital Citizenship Week</b>	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/education/digital-citizenship-week">https://www.common sense.org/education/digital-citizenship-week</a>
October 17	<b>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</b>	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 18*	<b>International Pronouns Day</b>	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 19*	<b>Spirit Day</b>	Wear purple as a visible statement against LGBTQ bullying. <i>Observed the third Thursday in October.</i> <a href="http://www.glaad.org/spiritday">www.glaad.org/spiritday</a>
October 19*	<b>The Great California Shake Out</b>	The Great California Shakeout drill is held at 10:19 a.m. to help Californians prepare for a major earthquake. <i>Observed the third Thursday in October.</i> <a href="http://www.shakeout.org">www.shakeout.org</a>

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October 20	<b>Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib as Eternal Guru (S)</b>	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 23-31*	<b>Red Ribbon Week</b>	Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention campaign. <i>The 2023 theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free."</i> <a href="http://www.redribbon.org">www.redribbon.org</a>
October 24	<b>United Nations Day</b>	The commemoration of the founding of the United Nations in 1945.
October 25	<b>Larry Itliong Day</b>	Celebrates the trailblazing Filipino-American labor leader, civil rights champion, and California Hall of Fame inductee. (Ed Code 37222.18)
October 26	<b>Intersex Awareness Day</b>	Celebrates the intersex community and speaks out against a narrow binary of male or female. <a href="https://intersexday.org/en/">https://intersexday.org/en/</a>
October 31	<b>Halloween</b>	The eve of All Saints' Day is traditionally an occasion for masquerading and pumpkin carving.
October 31	<b>Reformation Day (P)</b>	This day commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.
October 31- November 1+	<b>Samhain Beltane</b>	Samhain is a Gaelic harvest festival linked to festivals held around the same time 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>

**Gang Awareness and Prevention Month** encourages cities and constitutions to take steps to prevent future gang activity and honor those who lost their lives due to gang activity.

**Good Nutrition Month.** Take simple steps to eat healthier and smarter.

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

**National Child Safety and Protection Month** is dedicated to recognizing 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/blog/november-is-national-family-literacy-month>

**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.

November 1	<b>All Saints' Day (RC)</b> (P)	The Roman Catholic and Anglican holiday celebrating all saints, known and unknown.
November 1– 2	<b>Dia de los Muertos</b> (RC)	An indigenous celebration observed in the Americas to welcome the spirits of loved ones to come celebrate the continuity of life.
November 2	<b>All Souls' Day (RC) (P)</b>	Commemoration of all faithful Christians who have died.
November 3	<b>Bunka No Hi</b>	This Japanese holiday was established to promote appreciation of peace and culture.
November 5*	<b>Standard Time begins</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time</b> <b>ends</b>	The beginning of all U.S. time zones. At 2 a.m., clocks move back one hour.

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November 5*	<b>Change Your Clock Change Your Batteries</b>	Stay safe by changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms when you change your clocks. <a href="https://www.cpsc.gov/Newsroom/News-Releases/2023/Its-Time-to-Change-Smoke-and-Carbon-Monoxide-Alarm-Batteries-as-Daylight-Saving-Time-Ends">https://www.cpsc.gov/Newsroom/News-Releases/2023/Its-Time-to-Change-Smoke-and-Carbon-Monoxide-Alarm-Batteries-as-Daylight-Saving-Time-Ends</a>
Nov. 7- Nov. 11*	<b>Solidarity Week</b>	Build collective support for LGBTQ+ students and educators and urge them to learn about and practice solidarity with different identities. <a href="http://www.qlsen.org/solidarity-week">www.qlsen.org/solidarity-week</a>
November 7*	<b>Election Day</b>	The day that elections are held in many states and cities. <i>Usually observed the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.</i>
November 10* <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b> <i>Observed</i>	Also known as Remembrance Day and Armistice Day, Veteran's Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I and celebrates all U.S. military veterans. <i>Observed November 11 unless the date falls on a weekend.</i>
November 11	<b>Veterans Day</b>	Also known as Remembrance Day and Armistice Day, Veteran's Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I and celebrates all U.S. military veterans. <i>Observed November 11 unless the date falls on a weekend. (Ed Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)</i>
November 12 +* ^	<b>Diwali (H)(Ja)(S)</b>	The most popular of the Hindu festivals, Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.
November 13-19	<b>Transgender Awareness Week</b>	Transgender Awareness Week celebrates 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 12-18*	<b>American Education Week</b>	Celebrates public education and honor individuals who ensure that every child receives a quality education <a href="https://www.nea.org">https://www.nea.org</a>

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November 15*	<b>Education Support Professionals Day</b>	Education Support Professionals keep schools running and students safe, healthy and ready to learn. <i>Observed Wednesday of American Education Week.</i>
November 16	<b>International Day for Tolerance</b>	The 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 16*	<b>Great American Smoke Out</b>	The American Cancer Society 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>
November 16*	<b>National Caregiver Involvement Day</b>	The day is dedicated to the recognition of caregiver involvement. <i>Observed the third Thursday in November.</i> <a href="http://www.projectappleseed.org">www.projectappleseed.org</a>
November 17*	<b>Substitute Educators Day</b>	Substitute educators play a vital role in the maintenance and continuity of daily education. <i>Observed Friday of American Education Week.</i> <a href="https://www.nea.org">https://www.nea.org</a>
November 20	<b>Transgender Day of Remembrance</b>	The day that honors the memory of 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 23* <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	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 24	<b>Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (S)</b>	The day that honors Guru Teg Bahadur as the ninth of the ten Gurus who founded Sikhism. He is recognized as a man who died for religious freedom.
November 25**	<b>Day of the Covenant (Ba)</b>	The festival commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of his eldest son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, as the center of his covenant.

November 28+*	<b>Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (Ba)</b>	The commemoration of the passing of the son of Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá.
November 28*	<b>Giving Tuesday</b>	Giving Tuesday is a global day of charitable giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. <i>Occurs the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.</i>
November 30	<b>Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (S)</b>	This is the celebration of the first Sikh Guru.

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<p><b>December</b> Wear a dress or a tie for the month of December to raise awareness of human trafficking. <a href="https://www.dressember.org/">https://www.dressember.org/</a></p> <p><b>Universal Human Rights Month</b> promotes action that 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. <a href="https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/">https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/</a></p>		
December 1	<b>World AIDS Day</b>	The international day of action focuses on HIV and AIDS. <a href="http://www.worldaidsday.org">www.worldaidsday.org</a>
December 2	<b>Special Education Day</b>	Special Education Day marks the anniversary of our first federal special education law, signed by President Ford in 1975.
December 3*	<b>First Sunday of Advent (RC)(P)</b>	The time of preparation for observing the birth of Jesus Christ. The four Sundays before Christmas are marked by special church services.
December 3	<b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</b>	Raises 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 4- 10*	<b>Computer Science Education Week</b>	Computer science plays a crucial role in transforming our society, enabling innovation and creating economic opportunities. The week is dedicated to inspiring students to take interest in computer science. <a href="http://www.csedweek.org">www.csedweek.org</a>
December 7	<b>National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</b>	Honors the 2,403 people who were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.
December 7- 15**	<b>Hanukkah Festival of Lights (J)</b>	Celebrates the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the ancient temple in Jerusalem.

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December 8	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception (RC)</b>	The Roman Catholic holy day commemorates the Virgin Mary's freedom from original sin.
December 8*^	<b>Bodhi Day - Enlightenment of Buddha (B)</b>	The Buddhist celebration of the Enlightenment of founder Shakyamuni Buddha, ca 596 BCE.
December 10	<b>Human Rights Day</b>	The anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.
December 12	<b>Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (RC)</b>	The celebration of the patron saint of Mexico.
December 15	<b>Bill of Rights Day</b>	The anniversary of the adoption of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.
December 16-24	<b>Las Posadas (RC)</b>	A period of nine days in which the journey of Mary and Joseph is replayed. A time of religious ceremonies and festivities.
December 21*	<b>Winter Solstice</b>	The shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere. Marks the first day of the season of winter.
December 25 <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>Christmas (RC) (P)</b>	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)
December 26 – January 1	<b>Kwanzaa</b>	Created in 1966, this African American seven-day spiritual festival is dedicated to the values of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.
December 29	<b>Wounded Knee Day</b>	The memorialization of the massacre of more than 200 Lakota Sioux by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee, South Dakota in 1890.



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December 31	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	Countries across the world celebrate the last day of the year.
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**January 2024**

**National Blood Donor Month** is a time when blood organizations like the American Red Cross pay tribute to the nearly 11 million people who give blood each year and encourage others to start the new year by giving the gift of life. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

**National Braille Literacy Month** honors Louis Braille, the developer 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. It affects all populations: adults, children, men, women, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, and all economic classes.

January 1 <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	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	<b>Gantan-sai (Sh)</b>	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	<b>Epiphany (RC) (P)</b>	The visit of the three kings to baby Jesus is celebrated twelve days after Christmas. One of the three major Christian festivals.
January 7*	<b>Nativity of Christ, Christmas (OC)</b>	A widely-celebrated centuries-old holiday with secular and religious connotations that marks the birth of Christ. The day celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox Church.
January 11	<b>Human Trafficking Awareness Day</b>	National campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern-day slavery.
January 15*	<b>Makar Sankrant (H)</b>	Makar Sankrant is one of the most important Hindu festivals and celebrates the sun's journey into the northern hemisphere.

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January 16	<b>Religious Freedom Day</b>	The ability for Americans to worship as they see fit is central to their identity and enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.
January 15* Schools closed	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service</b>	What are you doing for others? Transform Dr. King's life and teachings into a service that empowers and strengthens local communities. <i>Observed the third Monday of January or Friday in week of which January 15 occurs.</i> (Ed Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102) <a href="https://americorps.gov">https://americorps.gov</a>
January 15-19*	<b>No Name Calling Week</b>	Celebrate kindness while working to create safe schools free of name-calling, bullying and bias. For activities and lesson plans: <a href="http://www.glsen.org">www.glsen.org</a> .
January 21*	<b>World Religion Day (Ba)</b>	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 23	<b>National Handwriting Day</b>	Re-explores the purity and power of handwriting with a pen or pencil.
January 23	<b>Ed Roberts Day</b>	Recognizes the life, accomplishments and contributions of Ed Roberts and other Californians with disabilities. (Ed Code 37222.17, Board Rule 1102)
January 27	<b>International Holocaust Remembrance Day</b>	Established by the United Nations to recognize the 6+ million Jews and other victims systematically murdered in Nazi Germany.
January 28	<b>Data Privacy Day</b>	Creates awareness about the importance of privacy and protecting personal information. <a href="https://staysafeonline.org">https://staysafeonline.org</a>
January 30	<b>Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution</b>	Commemorates Fred Korematsu and other civil rights 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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**February 2024**

**American Heart Month** raises awareness about heart disease and how people can prevent it.

<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	<b>National Freedom Day</b>	The day that commemorates the signing of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment that abolished slavery in 1865.
February 1-7	<b>National Gun Violence Survivors Week</b>	Highlights 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>
February 2	<b>Groundhog Day</b>	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 4	<b>Rosa Parks Day</b>	An American holiday in honor of the civil rights leader Rosa Parks.
February 5-9*	<b>National School Counseling Week</b>	School counselors can have a tremendous impact in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. <a href="https://www.schoolcounselor.org/Events-Professional-Development/Events/National-School-Counseling-Week">https://www.schoolcounselor.org/Events-Professional-Development/Events/National-School-Counseling-Week</a>
February 6	<b>Ronald Reagan Day</b>	Schools and educational institutions are encouraged to remember the life of Ronald Reagan and recognize his accomplishments and contributions to this state. (Ed Code 37220.16, Board Rule 1102)

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February 6*	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>	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 9*	<b>#NoOneEatsAloneDay</b>	A day of action and school-based program that encourages youth to sit with others, find new friends, and model ways to end social isolation in the lunch room. <a href="https://www.beyonddifferences.org/no-one-eats-alone">https://www.beyonddifferences.org/no-one-eats-alone</a>
February 10*	<b>Lunar New Year (B)</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>2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon.</i> (Ed Code 37222.19)
February 11*	<b>Race Relations Sunday</b>	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 12*	<b>Lincoln's Day</b>	This day was first observed in 1866 when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address in tribute to the assassinated president. <i>Observed as the federal holiday Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February.</i> (Ed Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
February 13	<b>Galentine's Day</b>	Galentine's Day celebrates platonic friendships, usually among women. <i>Observed on the day before Valentine's Day.</i>
February 13 <sup>*^</sup>	<b>Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday (RC)</b>	The celebrations surrounding the Three Kings Day and culminating before Ash Wednesday. The traditions vary from city to city.
February 14*	<b>Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent (RC)(P)</b>	Lent is a 40-day period of fasting and penitence observed by Christians.

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February 14-20*	<b>Random Acts of Kindness Week</b>	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> .
February 14	<b>Valentine's Day</b>	A day that many exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers as a sign of caring.
February 15^	<b>Parinirvana - Nirvana Day (B)</b>	The Mahayana Buddhist festival celebrates the day when the Buddha achieved Nirvana upon the death of his physical body.
February 15	<b>Susan B. Anthony Day</b>	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)
February 17	<b>National Parent Teacher Association Founders Day</b>	Celebrates the legacy and work of PTA's founder to better the lives of every child in education, health and safety.
February 19	<b>Day of Remembrance</b>	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 19*	<b>Presidents' Day</b> <i>observed</i>	Presidents' Day is the recognition of Washington's Day (February 22) and Lincoln's Day (February 12). <i>Observed third Monday in February.</i> (Ed Code 37220, Board Rules 1101, 1102)
February 20	<b>World Day of Social Justice</b>	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	<b>International Mother Language Day</b>	The United Nations believes 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>

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<p>February 26-29 +* ^</p>	<p><b>Ayyám-i-Há</b> (Ja)</p>	<p>A period dedicated to socializing, being hospitable, giving generously to the poor and needy, and preparing for the upcoming month of fasting.</p>
<p>February 26- March 1*</p>	<p><b>Public Schools Week</b></p>	<p>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></p>
<p>February 29- March 19 +* ^</p>	<p><b>Nineteen Day Fast</b> (Ja)</p>	<p>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.</p>

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**March 2024**

**American Red Cross Month.** Uncover your inner hero. honor and celebrate 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 Kidney Month.** Kidney disease is called the silent killer because of 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/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 across the country and their allies to turn the spotlight on the profession and highlight the important contributions they make to society. <https://www.socialworkers.org>

**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 student parents can be embraced as parents at the same time as students. Board Rule 1102.

**We Are One: Standing with Immigrant Families Awareness Month** was designated by the LA School Board to increase and improve resources for students, staff, and families, and develop supports for post-graduate college and career opportunities for undocumented students.

<p>March 1*</p>	<p><b>National Dress in Blue Day</b></p>	<p>Wear blue and encourages everyone to learn about colon cancer, one of the top cancers causing death. <i>First Friday in March.</i></p>
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March 1-7	<b>Week of the School Administrator</b>	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	<b>Read Across America</b>	Celebrates diverse readers with books that represent an array of experiences and cultures. <a href="http://www.readacrossamerica.org">www.readacrossamerica.org</a>
March 3	<b>National Anthem Day</b>	Celebrates the national anthems of the world, from the obscure and forgotten to the ones that ring out every day.
March 4-8*	<b>National School Breakfast Week</b>	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>
March 4-8*	<b>Newspapers in Education Week</b>	Newspapers in Education is a joint effort to promote the use of newspapers as an educational resource in the classroom. <i>Observed the first full week of March.</i>
March 5*	<b>Jazz &amp; Friends National Day of School &amp; Community Readings</b>	Join educators across the nation in solidarity with transgender and non-binary students by hosting readings of affirming books. <a href="https://welcomingschools.org/resources/jazz-and-friends-school-and-community-readings">https://welcomingschools.org/resources/jazz-and-friends-school-and-community-readings</a>
March 5	<b>Black American Day</b>	The anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks, the first Black American martyr, in the Boston Massacre. (Ed Code 37221, Board Rule 1102)
March 7	<b>Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day</b>	A day to 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	<b>International Women's Day</b>	Celebrates 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 <sup>^</sup>	<b>Maha Shivaratri (H)</b>	The Great Festival of Shiva is celebrated annually in reverence of the god Shiva. It is the day Shiva was married to the goddess Parvati.
March 10 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Daylight Saving Time begins Standard Time ends</b>	The beginning of all U.S. time zones. At 2 a.m., clocks move forward one hour.
March 10 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Change Your Clock Change Your Batteries</b>	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	<b>National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day</b>	Raises awareness about how women can protect themselves and their partners from HIV. <a href="http://www.womenshealth.gov">www.womenshealth.gov</a>
March 10- April 10 <sup>+^</sup>	<b>Ramadan (I)</b>	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 11	<b>World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film</b>	The goal of this event is to use culture, art, and film to create bridges and dialogue of understanding.
March 14	<b>Pi Day</b>	Pi Day celebrates the mathematical symbol Pi (Greek letter "π") which represent 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 17	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Notable observances are the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City and the wearing of green.
March 17-23 <sup>*</sup>	<b>National Poison Prevention Week</b>	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 18*	<b>Clean Monday (OC)</b>	The beginning of Great Lent for Eastern Christian churches which starts 40 days before Orthodox Easter (Pascha).
March 19*	<b>Vernal Equinox</b>	The date when night and day are nearly the same length and marks the first day of the season of spring.
March 20*	<b>Naw-Rúz (Ba)</b>	The first day of the Bahá'í calendar year. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
March 21	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</b>	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	<b>World Down Syndrome Awareness Day</b>	March 21 <sup>st</sup> signifies the unique triplication (trisomy) of the 21 <sup>st</sup> chromosome which causes Down syndrome. <a href="https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/">https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/</a>
March 23-24**	<b>Purim (J)</b>	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 24*	<b>Palm Sunday (RC)(P)</b>	The day commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. <i>Observed the Sunday before Easter.</i>
March 24-30*	<b>National Tsunami Preparedness Week</b>	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>
March 29*	<b>Good Friday (RC)(P)</b>	Good Friday commemorates the end of Lent and Christ's crucifixion, death and entombment.
March 30	<b>Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day</b>	Educational institutions are encouraged to recognize the contributions of all those involved in the Vietnam War. (Ed. Code 37222.14, Board Rule 1102)

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March 31	<b>Cesar Chavez Day</b>	This commemorative holiday celebrates the birth and legacy of civil rights and movement activist Cesar Chavez. (Ed Code 37220.5, Board Rule 1102)
March 31	<b>Transgender Day of Visibility</b>	Celebrates transgender people through stories of excellence, contributions, and resiliency.
March 31*	<b>Easter Sunday (RC)(P)</b>	Holiday with secular and religious connotations. The religious observance marks the resurrection of Christ. <i>Observed the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox.</i>

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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 all 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. <https://www.dodea.edu>

**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 upon all people to recognize 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 which are to be accepted and respected as any other human variation. This includes autism, attention deficit hyperactivity, dyscalculia, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Tourette syndrome, and many other neurological differences.

**Parkinson's Awareness Month** draws awareness to Parkinson's disease, the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second to Alzheimer's disease. <https://www.parkinson.org/parkinsons-awareness-month>

**School Library Month** celebrates the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning. <https://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm>

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month** 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. [www.nsvrc.org/saam](http://www.nsvrc.org/saam)

**Stress Awareness Month** is a national, cooperative effort to inform people about successful coping strategies that are prevalent in our society. Visit <https://www.lausd.org/smh> for resources.

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April 2	<b>International Children's Book Day</b>	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	<b>National Walking Day</b>	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.
April 5 <sup>**^</sup>	<b>Lailat Al-Qadr (I)</b>	The Night of Power marks the night in which God first revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.
April 6	<b>California Poppy Day</b>	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 37222.12, Board Rule 1102)
April 7	<b>World Health Day</b>	Draw global attention to the health of different human populations and the diseases that may impact these populations.
April 7-13 <sup>*</sup>	<b>National Library Week</b>	<p>Visit your local library! Sponsored by American Library Association. <i>Occurs during the second full week of April.</i></p> <p>As part of National Library Week, library workers are recognized on April 9 for their valuable contributions.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek">https://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek</a></p>
April 9-10 <sup>**^</sup>	<b>Eid Al-Fitr (I)</b>	The Feast of the Breaking of the Fast marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.
April 9 <sup>*^</sup>	<b>Chaitra Sukhladi (H)</b>	Chaitra is the first month of the year according to the lunar religious calendars.
April 10	<b>Dolores Huerta Day</b>	Dolores Huerta has spent her entire adult life working to advance the rights of farm workers and empower women. (Ed Code 37220.20)

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April 12*	<b>Day of Silence</b>	Participants 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 13	<b>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday</b>	Thomas Jefferson, the U.S.'s third president, is known as one of the country's founding fathers and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.
April 15-21*	<b>Week of the Young Child</b>	The week promotes 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 15*	<b>Patriots Day</b>	Commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord which were fought near Boston in 1775. <i>Observed the third Monday of April.</i>
April 17*	<b>Rama Navami (H)</b>	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.
April 20*	<b>First day of Ridván (Ba)</b>	The first day of the Ridván Festival. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
April 21-27	<b>National Environmental Education Week</b>	Celebrates environmental education and stewardship among K-12 students.
April 21 +* ^	<b>Mahavira Jayanti (Ja)</b>	The birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira, the 24 <sup>th</sup> Tirthankar and the founder of modern Jainism.
April 21	<b>John Muir Day</b>	Stresses 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)

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April 21-27*	<b>Administrative Professionals Week</b>	Remember the key role of administrative professionals. <i>Occurs during the last full week in April.</i> On April 23, School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is celebrated. On April 24, Administrative Professional Day is celebrated.
April 22-30**	<b>Passover (Pesach) (J)</b>	The Jewish festival marking the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.
April 22-26*	<b>Public School Volunteer Week</b>	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 22	<b>Earth Day</b>	A day in which various events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection.
April 24	<b>Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration of Armenian Genocide,</b>	Commemorates the 1.5 million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire who perished between 1915 and 1923. (Ed Code 37220)
April 24*	<b>Denim Day –Peace Against Violence</b>	Wear jeans to raise awareness about sexual assault. <i>Observed the fourth Wednesday in April.</i> <a href="https://denimdayinfo.org">https://denimdayinfo.org</a>
April 25*	<b>Take Our Children to Work Day a.k.a. Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day®</b>	Take Our Children to Work Day creates an opportunity for children to share and communicate their expectations for the future. <i>Observed the fourth Thursday in April.</i> (MEM-5415.12) <a href="https://daughtersandsonstowork.org/">https://daughtersandsonstowork.org/</a>
April 26	<b>Lesbian Visibility Day</b>	Annual day to celebrate, recognize and bring visibility to lesbians.
April 29**	<b>Ninth Day of Ridvan (Ba)</b>	The ninth day of the Ridván Festival. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
April 29-May 3	<b>School Nutrition Employee Week</b>	Showcases the difference school nutrition professionals make for every child who comes through the cafeteria. <a href="https://schoolnutrition.org">https://schoolnutrition.org</a>



<p>April 30</p>	<p><b>Children’s Day or Book Day</b> (El día de los niños/El día de los libros)</p>	<p>The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. <a href="https://www.cbcbooks.org/2016/03/30/celebrate-children-and-books/">https://www.cbcbooks.org/2016/03/30/celebrate-children-and-books/</a></p>
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**Asian Pacific Islander 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** is designated to provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. <https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month>

**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month** encourages all Americans to take part in regular physical activity and increase their knowledge about the health benefits of exercise. <https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/>

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

May 1	<b>International Workers' Day</b>	The worldwide celebration of the social and economic achievements of workers.
May 1	<b>May Day</b>	May Day is a traditional spring holiday with dancing, singing and cake as part of the celebration.
May 1*	<b>Bike to School Day</b>	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 1*	<b>National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy</b>	Help teens postpone parenting until they are through school and in stable, committed relationships. <i>Observed the first Wednesday in May.</i> <a href="http://www.thenationalcampaign.org">www.thenationalcampaign.org</a>

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May 1	<b>School Principals Day</b>	Appreciate the educational leaders of schools who assume the commitment to lead our young people to a prosperous future.
May 1-2 <sup>+</sup>	<b>Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Ba)</b>	The twelfth day of the Ridván Festival is one of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
May 3	<b>World Press Freedom Day</b>	This date informs 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 5	<b>National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls/ Red Dress Day</b>	Creates awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. <a href="https://www.niwrc.org/">https://www.niwrc.org/</a>
May 5	<b>Cinco de Mayo</b>	The anniversary of the 1862 Mexican victory over the French army in the Battle of Puebla. (Board Rule 1102)
May 5 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday (Pascha) (OC)</b>	The Orthodox Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The Orthodox Easter follows Passover.
May 5-6 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Holocaust Remembrance Day Yom HaShoah (J)</b>	Holocaust Remembrance Day memorializes the martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.
May 5-11 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Be Kind to Animals Week</b>	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 6-10 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Children's Book Week</b>	The annual celebration of children's books and reading. Established in 1919, it is the longest-running national literacy initiative. <a href="https://everychildareader.net/cbw/">https://everychildareader.net/cbw/</a>
May 6-12 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Screen-Free Week</b>	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>

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May 6-10*	<b>Teacher and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week</b>	Celebrate teachers and deliver thanks and gratitude for the inspiration and motivation they give to students. <i>Occurs the first week of May.</i> <a href="http://www.nea.org">www.nea.org</a>
May 6-12	<b>National Nurses Week</b>	Celebrate the nurses who lead the charge for health and wellness. Culminates on Florence Nightingale's birthday.
May 8*	<b>Day of the Teacher, El Día del Maestro</b>	Commemorates teachers and the teaching profession. <i>Observed the second Wednesday in May.</i> (Ed Code 37222.10, Board Rule 1102)
May 8*	<b>National School Nurse Day</b>	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>
May 9*	<b>Ascension Day (RC) (P) (OC)</b>	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 10	<b>El Dia de la Madre</b>	El Dia de la Madre was established in Mexico in 1922, following a call by journalist Rafael Alducin to have a day to pay respect to mothers
May 12*	<b>Mother's Day</b>	Mother's Day was established in 1914. <i>Observed the second Sunday in May.</i>
May 12-18*	<b>National Women's Health Week</b>	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 12-18*	<b>Student Mental Health Week</b>	Advocates for staff, students, and families to build greater awareness and skills around mental health and wellness. <i>Observed in the second week of May.</i> (Board Res-024-20/21)
May 12-18*	<b>National Police Week</b>	Recognizes the service and sacrifices by law enforcement.
May 15*	<b>National Peace Officers Memorial Day</b>	Pays tribute to the local, state, and federal peace officers who have died or become disabled in the line of duty.

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May 15 <sup>*^</sup>	<b>Buddha Day (B)</b>	Also known as Vesak or Visakha Puja, it marks the occasion of the birth, spiritual awakening, and death of the historical Buddha.
May 17	<b>Anniversary of School Desegregation Ruling, Brown v. Board of Education</b>	Racial segregation in public schools was unanimously ruled unconstitutional in 1954 by the Supreme Court in Brown v. Board of Education.
May 17	<b>International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia</b>	The International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia raises awareness of LGBT rights violations.
May 18 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Armed Forces Day</b>	Thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. <i>Observed the third Saturday in May.</i>
May 19 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Pentecost – Whitsunday (RC) (P)</b>	Considered the birthday of the Church, Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus.
May 20	<b>Red Sneaker Day</b>	Support those who suffer from food allergies by wearing red sneakers.
May 19-25 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Classified Employee Week</b>	Recognize the important contributions of classified school employees. <i>Occurs in the third full week of May.</i> <a href="https://www.csea.com">https://www.csea.com</a>
May 22	<b>Harvey Milk Day</b>	Recognize 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)
May 22 <sup>*</sup>	<b>Declaration of the Báb (Ba)</b>	The day of the declaration of the Báb, who was the forerunner of Baha'u'llah the founder of the Baha'i Faith. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
May 25	<b>National Missing Children's Day</b>	Spotlight the threat of child abduction, inform families about ways to keep their children safe, and support victims' families. <a href="https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/nmcd/about-missing-childrens-day">https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/nmcd/about-missing-childrens-day</a>

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May 27 <sup>+</sup>	<b>Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Ba)</b>	The day that marks when Baha'u'llah passed away in 1892. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'is do not work.
May 27 <sup>*</sup> <b>Schools closed</b>	<b>Memorial Day a.k.a. Decoration Day</b>	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-mast, and then raised again to full height at noon. The time at half-mast honors the million+ fallen soldiers; re-raising the flag symbolizes 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 31	<b>Day of AANHPI AMEMSA Activism</b>	The day of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian activism commemorates Vincent Jen Chin, victim of a hate crime in 1982. (Board Resolution-044-18/19)
May 31	<b>World No Tobacco Day</b>	Generates awareness about the health risks of tobacco use and reduce tobacco use worldwide <a href="https://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/">https://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/</a>

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**June 2024**

**Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month.** Wear purple to draw awareness to the common neurodegenerative disease in the United States. <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.

[https://www.army.mil/article/58519/june\\_is\\_national\\_fireworks\\_safety\\_month](https://www.army.mil/article/58519/june_is_national_fireworks_safety_month)

**Immigrant Heritage Month.** Everyone has an immigrant story. Share yours #celebrateimmigrants. [A Proclamation on National Immigrant Heritage Month, 2022 | The White House](#)

**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>

**Pride Month** honors the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, which was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement, and how LGBTQ+ American have strengthened our country. 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/rtr/rainbow-book-month>

June 5	<b>World Environment Day</b>	World Environment Day encourages 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 7*	<b>National Gun Violence Awareness</b>	Wear orange to raise awareness of gun violence. <i>Observed the first Friday in June.</i> (Board Resolution-012-22/23) <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/inside-fs/mail-call/usda-wear-orange-june-3-national-gun-violence-awareness-day">https://www.fs.usda.gov/inside-fs/mail-call/usda-wear-orange-june-3-national-gun-violence-awareness-day</a>
June 8-9^*	<b>Christopher Street West Anniversary of Stonewall Rebellion</b>	Pride events around the world recognize the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion as a turning point in equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. <i>Traditionally observed in Los Angeles on the second weekend of June.</i> <a href="https://lapride.org/">https://lapride.org/</a>

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June 9*	<b>Race Unity Day (Ba)</b>	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 11-13+*	<b>Shavuot, Festival of Weeks (J)</b>	A festival commemorating the giving of the law (Torah) to Moses on Mount Sinai.
June 12	<b>Loving Day</b>	Observes the anniversary of the 1967 Supreme Court Loving v. Virginia decision that struck down the miscegenation laws barring interracial marriage.
June 12	<b>Anne Frank Day</b>	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 14	<b>Flag Day</b>	The Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes as the nation's official flag on June 14, 1777. <a href="http://www.nationalflagday.com">www.nationalflagday.com</a>
June 16*	<b>Father's Day</b>	A celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. <i>Observed the third Sunday in June.</i>
June 19	<b>Juneteenth, aka Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day</b>	Commemorates the day that enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas learned of their emancipation. Recognized by President Biden as a federal holiday in 2021.
June 20	<b>World Refugee Day</b>	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>
June 20*	<b>Summer Solstice</b>	Summer solstice marks the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and is the first day of summer.



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<p>June 23*</p>	<p><b>Pentecost – Whitsunday (OC)</b></p>	<p>Considered the birthday of the Church, Orthodox Pentecost is celebrated fiftieth day after Pascha (Orthodox Easter) to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus.</p>
<p>June 26</p>	<p><b>Marriage Equality Day</b></p>	<p>Observes the anniversary of 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></p>
<p>June 30*</p>	<p><b>All Saints Day (OC)</b></p>	<p>The day in Orthodox churches commemorating all known and unknown Christian saints. <i>Observed the first Sunday after Pentecost.</i></p>

+Observation begins at sunset

\* Observation date or theme may change annually

^ Regional variations of the observation date