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2020-21 Key Dates for School Calendars

Here are some special days you may want to note on your 2020-21 school year calendar or take into consideration as you establish programs for next year. They are from Resources for Planning the School Calendar, published and distributed by the National School Public Relations Association, 15948 Derwood Road, Rockville, MD 20855. Order online at nspra.org/products or call (301) 519-0496. The price is \$40 per copy plus shipping and handling.

2020

Date Observance/Holiday

Sept. 1-30	Library Card Sign-Up Month
Sept. 7	Labor Day
Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 8-14	National Arts in Education Week
Sept. 11	Patriot Day
Sept. 13	Grandparents' Day
Sept. 15- Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept. 15-16	Mexican Independence Days
Sept. 16	Mayflower Day
Sept. 17	Citizenship/Constitution Day
Sept. 17-23	Constitution Week
Sept. 18-20	Rosh Hashanah*
Sept. 21	International Day of Peace
Sept. 22	First Day of Autumn
Sept. 27-28*	Yom Kippur
Sept. 28	National Good Neighbor Day
Oct. 1	Child Health Day
Oct. 1-31	Crime Prevention Month
Oct. 1-31	Czech Heritage Month
Oct. 1-31	Italian Heritage Month
Oct. 1-31	National Bullying Prevention Month
Oct. 1-31	National Principals Month
Oct. 1-31	Polish American Heritage Month

Date Observance/Holiday

Oct. 1-31	Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Month
Oct. 5	Child Health Day
Oct. 7	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 4-10	National Metric Week
Oct. 4-10	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 6	German American Day
Oct. 6-12	National Educational Office Professionals Week
Oct. 12	Canadian Thanksgiving
Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Oct. 12-16	National School Lunch Week
Oct. 16	World Food Day
Oct. 19-23	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 20-26	National Character Counts Week
Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)
Oct. 24	Make a Difference Day
Oct. 24	United Nations Day
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1-30	Native American Heritage Month
Nov. 1	Standard Time
Nov. 3	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day

*Begins at sunset on the preceding day

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Nov. 18	Education Support Professionals Day
Nov. 18-22	American Education Week
Nov. 19	Gettysburg Address Anniversary
Nov. 19	National Parental Involvement Day
Nov. 20	Substitute Educators Day
Nov. 22-28	National Family Week
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day
Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day
Dec. 10-18	Hanukkah*
Dec. 15	Bill of Rights Day
Dec. 21	First Day of Winter
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26- Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

2021

Date Observance/Holiday	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
Jan. 1-31	School Board Recognition Month
Jan. 17	World Religion Day
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 1	National Freedom Day
Feb. 1-28	African American History Month
Feb. 1-28	National Children's Dental Health Month
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day
Feb. 8-12	National School Counseling Week
Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 12	Chinese New Year
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 16	Mardi Gras
Feb. 17	National PTA Founders Day
Feb. 15	Presidents' Day

Date Observance/Holiday	
Feb. 20-27	National FFA Week
Feb. 22	George Washington's Birthday
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26- April 11	Lent
March 1-31	American Red Cross Month
March 1-31	Irish American Heritage Month
March 1-31	Music in Our Schools Month
March 1-31	National Middle Level Education Month
March 1-31	National Nutrition Month®
March 1-31	Social Work Month
March 1-31	Women's History Month
March 1-31	Youth Art Month
March 2	NEA's Read Across America (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)
March 2-6	Classified School Employees Week
*Dates differ by state. Usually scheduled for a full week in March.	
March 2-8	National Foreign Language Week
March 8	International Women's Day
March 8-12	National School Breakfast Week
March 11	Johnny Appleseed Day
March 14	Daylight Saving Time
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 18	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 20	Bahá'í New Year's Day
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 21-27	National Poison Prevention Week March 27-28
	Passover* (First Days)

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April 1 April Fools' Day
April 1-30 National Poetry Month
April 1-30 National Autism Awareness Month
April 1-30 National Occupational Therapy Month
April 1-30 School Library Month
April 2 International Children's Book Day
April 2 Good Friday
April 4 Easter
April 3-4 Passover (Concluding Days)
April 5-9 National Library Week
April 7 World Health Day
April 8-9 Holocaust Remembrance Day*
April 13 First Day of Ramadan
April 18-24 National Volunteer Week
April 18-24 National Coin Week
April 18-24 Administrative Professionals Week
April 19-25 National Student Leadership Week
April 19 Patriot's Day
April 19-23 Public School Volunteer Week
April 21 Administrative Professionals Day
April 22 Earth Day
April 22 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day™
April 30 National Arbor Day
May 1 Law Day
May 1 School Lunch Hero Day
May 1-7 National Physical Education and Sports Week
May 1-31 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
May 1-31 Better Hearing and Speech Month
May 1-31 National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
May 1-31 Preservation Month
May 2-8 Be Kind to Animals Week

Date Observance/Holiday

May 2-9 National Music Week
May 3 World Press Freedom Day
May 4 Horace Mann's Birthday
May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4 National Teacher Day
May 5 Cinco de Mayo
May 5 National Bike to School Day
May 8 World Red Cross Day
May 9 Mother's Day
May 9-15 Food Allergy Action Week
May 12 National School Nurse Day
May 15 Armed Forces Day
May 24 Victoria Day (Canada)
May 31 Memorial Day
May 31 World No Tobacco Day
June – July Fireworks Safety Month
June 1-30 Caribbean-American Heritage Month
June 1-30 Great Outdoors Month
June 5 World Environment Day
June 13 Race Unity Day
June 14 Flag Day
June 16 International Day of the African Child
June 19 Juneteenth
June 20 First Day of Summer
June 20 Father's Day

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Please note: Some groups/states celebrate appreciation days or weeks on different dates, particularly those for classified school employees and teachers.