



CULTURES CONNECTING

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

2025-2026



MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this calendar is to address and support the diversity of students, staff, and families in K-12 education settings and beyond. We recognize that by increasing our understanding of diverse cultures, group experiences, traditions, values and beliefs, we can enhance our relationships with one another and hence, create culturally responsive environments where everyone feels valued and respected.

HOW DATES WERE CHOSEN

Due to the extensive number of cultural holidays, dates for this calendar were determined by the following four criteria:

1. Might a student or staff member be absent as a result of this day?
2. Might a student or staff member be disengaged as a result of this day (e.g., hunger or a negative association with a particular day/date such as Thanksgiving, or a day of remembrance of a tragic event)?
3. Might a student, family, or staff member not be able to participate in a school activity during or after school as a result of this day? (e.g., Many of our students do not participate in Halloween or Valentine's Day. There are students, families, and staff who cannot participate in district/school events that are scheduled on the evening of an important religious day observed by the Jewish and Muslim communities).
4. Does the day provide an opportunity for a teachable moment regarding ethnic or cultural diversity that might not otherwise be discussed, particularly dates associated with a continued history of oppression, discrimination, or racism?



WORK IN PROGRESS

We ask for your patience in the event that we have missed important dates that apply to the four criteria above. This was an enormous task taken on by a handful of individuals of good will and intention. If you know of additional cultural holidays that meet the above criteria, or would like to offer suggestions for appropriate websites, books, or other resources that can be used to improve this calendar, please contact: Judy Lee at judy.lee@culturesconnecting.com.

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NOTES:

- Starred (*) holy days begin at sunset of the date listed and go to sunset of the following day.
- Caret (^) indicates work restrictions.
- Due to regional and cultural differences, the holidays listed may be celebrated on different dates by individuals of the same faith.
- Many of the holidays are based on actual sighting of the moon and therefore the date may vary.
- For more information on individual holidays, click the holiday title to view its hyperlink (many are linked to Wikipedia).
- Please note that some months have two pages.



AUGUST 2025

Intersectionality Awareness Month



FRI

1

Lughnasadh
(Lammas)

Neo-Pagan

SAT-SUN

2-3

Tisha B'Av

Jewish



SAT

9

International Day
of the World's
Indigenous
People

International

SAT

9

Raksha
Bandhan

Hindu

TUE
12

International
Youth Day

International

WED-SAT
13-16

Obon

Japanese
Buddhist



SAT
16

Krishna
Janmashtami

Hindu

TUE
19

World
Humanitarian
Day

International

TUE
26

Women's
Equality
Day

United States

Notes:

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SEPTEMBER 2025

Hispanic, Latino, and Latinx Heritage Month



MON 1 <u>Labor Day</u> United States No School	THU-FRI 04-05 <u>Eid-e-Milad/ Mawlid al-Nabi</u> Islam	THU 11 <u>Enkutatash (New Year)</u> Ethiopian	MON 15 <u>Central American¹ Independence Day</u> Central American
TUE 16 <u>Mexican Independence Day</u> Mexican	THU-FRI 18-19 <u>Fiestas Patrias/ Independence Day</u> Chilean	SAT-FRI 20-26 <u>International Week of the Deaf</u> International	SUN 21 <u>International Day of Peace</u> International
MON 22 <u>Mabon</u> Neo-Pagan	MON-WED 22-24 <u>Rosh Hashanah (New Year)</u> Jewish	TUE 23 <u>International Day of Sign Languages</u> International	TUE 30 <u>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day</u> Canadian

Notes:

1. This day is celebrated in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

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OCTOBER 2025

LGBTQ+ History | National Disability Employment Awareness
Filipino American History | Global Diversity Awareness Month



WED-THU
1-2

Yom
Kippur



Jewish

THU
2

Dusshera/
Vijayadashami

Hindu



MON-MON
6-13

Sukkot
(Feast of
Tabernacles)



Jewish

SAT
11

National
Coming Out
Day

United States

MON
13

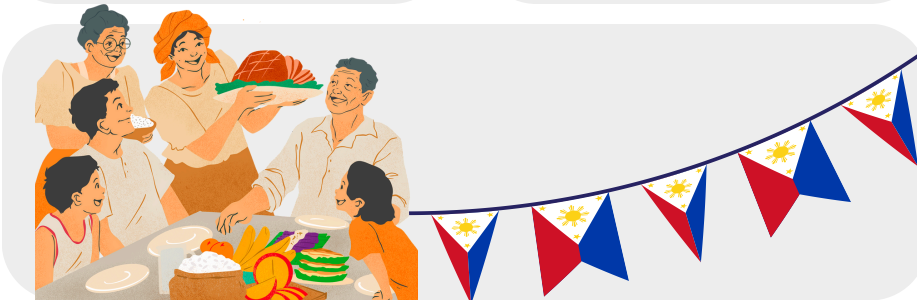
Canadian
Thanksgiving

Canada

MON
13

Indigenous
Peoples' Day

United States



MON-WED
13-15

Shemini
Atzeret

Jewish



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LGBTQ+ History | National Disability Employment Awareness
Filipino American History | Global Diversity Awareness Month



TUE-WED
14-15

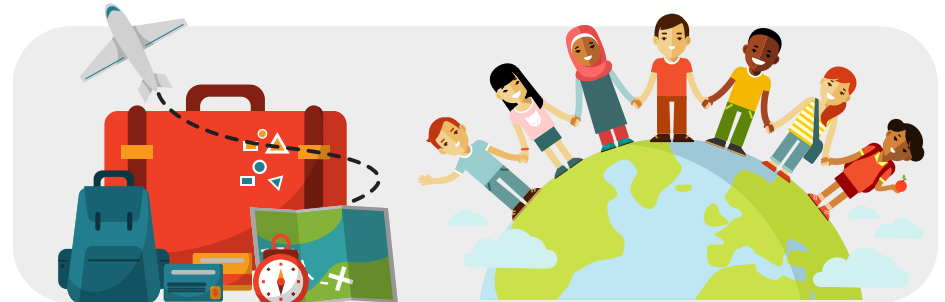
**Simchat
Torah**

Jewish

MON-TUE
20-21

Diwali

Hindu, Jain,
Sikh, Buddhist



WED
22

**Birth of
the Báb**

Bahá'i

THU
23

**Birth of
Bahá'u'lláh**

Bahá'i

TUE
28

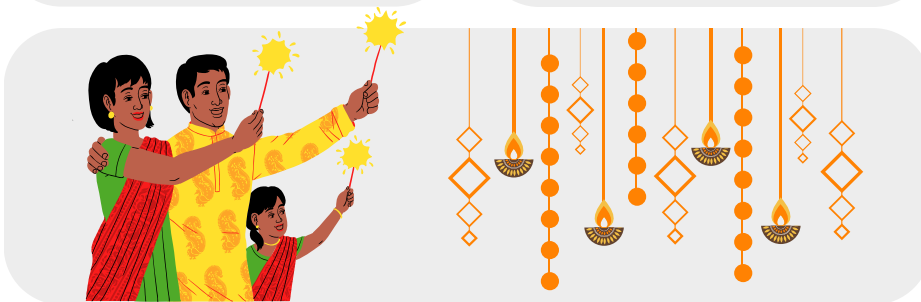
**National
Immigrants
Day**

United States

FRI
31

Halloween¹

United States



FRI-SAT
31-1

Samhain²

Neo-Pagan



Notes:

1. Be mindful of costumes. Read our blog about this [here](#).

2. Samhain is from October 31 to November 1.

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NOVEMBER 2025

Native American and Indigenous Heritage Month



FRI-SAT
31-1

Samhain¹

Neo-Pagan

SAT
1

All Saint's Day

Anglican &
Roman Catholic



SAT-SUN
1-2

Día de los Muertos²

Mexican,
Latin American

WED
5

Birthday of Guru Nanak

Sikh

TUE
11

Veteran's Day

United States
No School

THU
27

Thanksgiving Day

United States
No School



FRI
28

Day of Mourning

United States
No School



Notes:

1. Samhain is from October 31 to November 1.
2. Celebrated in Latin America including Guatemala, Ecuador, El Salvador.

DECEMBER 2025

Universal Human Rights Month



MON
8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Catholic

MON
8

Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)

Buddhist

FRI
12

Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mexican Catholic



SUN-MON
14-22

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Hanukkah (Chanukah)

Jewish

TUE-WED
16-24

Simbang Gabi

Filipino Catholic

TUE-WED
16-24

Las Posadas¹

Latin American

SUN
21

Yaldā Night

Persian



SUN
21

Winter Solstice/Yule

Neo-Pagan

THU
25

Christmas Day

Christian
No School

FRI-THU
26-1

Kwanzaa²

African American

Notes:

1. Las Posadas is celebrated in El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras on varying dates.

2. Kwanzaa is from December 26 to January 1.

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JANUARY 2026



**FRI-THU
26-1** Kwanzaa¹

African American

**THU
1** New Year's Day

International
No school

**THU
1** Gantan-sai 

Shinto



**TUE
6** Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day/Epiphany)

Latin American
Christian

**WED
7** Orthodox Christmas

Christian
Orthodox

**MON
19** Martin Luther King Day

United States
No School

**TUE
20** National Day of Racial Healing

United States

**TUE
20** Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh 

Sikh

**TUE
27** Holocaust Remembrance Day

International



Notes:

1. Kwanzaa is from December 26 to January 1.

^ Work restrictions.

FEBRUARY 2026

African American History Month



SUN 1 <u>National Freedom Day</u> United States	SUN 1 <u>Imbolc</u> Neo-Pagan	TUE 3 <u>Setsubun-sai</u> Shinto	
SAT 14 <u>Valentine's Day</u> ¹ International	MON 16 <u>President's Day</u> United States No School	SUN-MON 15-16 <u>Maha Shivaratri</u> Hindu	TUE 17 <u>Lunar New Year/Tết</u> ² Asian
TUE-THU 17-19 <u>Ramadan</u> ³ Islamic	WED-THU 18-2 <u>Lenten Season</u> ⁴ Christian	THU 19 <u>Day of Remembrance (Japanese Incarceration)</u> United States	FRI 20 <u>World Day of Justice</u> International

Notes:

1. Be mindful that not all students observe this holiday.
 2. Lunar New Year is celebrated in China, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, and Vietnam (Tết).
 3. Ramadan is from February 17 to March 19.
 4. Lenten Season is from February 18 to April 2.
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MARCH 2026

Women's History Month | Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



TUE-THU 17-19 *^ <u>Ramadan</u>¹ Islamic	WED-THU 18-2 <u>Lenten</u>² <u>Season</u> Christian	MON-TUE 2-3 *^ <u>Purim</u> Jewish	
TUE-WED 3-4 * <u>Holi</u> Hindu	TUE 3 <u>Magha</u> <u>Puja Day</u> Buddhist	WED 4 <u>Equal Pay Day</u>.² United States	SUN 8 <u>International</u> <u>Women's Day</u> International
	MON 16 <u>Laylat</u> <u>al-Qadr</u> Islamic	TUE 17 <u>St. Patrick's</u> <u>Day</u> Irish	THU-FRI 19-20 *^ <u>Eid al-Fitr</u> (End of <u>Ramadan</u>) Islamic

Notes:

1. Ramadan is from February 17 to March 19.
 2. Lenten Season is from February 18 to April 2.
 3. Equal Pay Day is a projected date and is subject to change.
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MARCH 2026

Women's History Month | Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



THU-FRI
19-27 Chaitra Navratri *

Hindu

FRI
20 Nowruz (Persian New Year)

Persian, Iranian

FRI
20 Ostara

Neo-Pagan



FRI-SAT
20-21 Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year) *

Bahá'í

SAT
21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

International

WED
25 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

International

THU
26 Rama Navami

Hindu

SUN
29 Palm Sunday

Christian / Orthodox

SUN-SUN
29-5 Holy¹ Week

Christian

TUE
31 César Chávez Day

United States

TUE
31 International Transgender Day of Visibility

International

Notes:

1. Holy Week is March 29 to April 5.

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APRIL 2026

Autism Acceptance Month | Arab American Heritage Month
Celebrate Diversity Month



WED-THU
18-2
Lenten¹
Season
Christian

SUN-SUN
29-5
Holy²
Week
Christian

WED-THU
1-9

Passover
(Pesach)
Jewish



THU
2
World Autism
Awareness
Day
International

THU
2
Maundy
Thursday
Christian

FRI
3
Good Friday
Christian

SUN
5
Easter
Christian



MON
6
National
Tartan Day
Scottish American

FRI
10
National Day
of Silence
United States

Notes:

1. Lenten Season is from February 18 to April 2.

2. Holy Week is March 29 to April 5.

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APRIL 2026

**Autism Acceptance Month | Arab American Heritage Month
Celebrate Diversity Month**



FRI 10 <u>Orthodox</u> <u>Good Friday</u> Christian Orthodox	SUN 12 <u>Orthodox</u> <u>Easter</u> Christian Orthodox	MON-TUE 13-14 <u>Yom</u> <u>HaSho'ah</u> Jewish	
TUE 14 <u>Vaisakhi</u> Sikh	TUE-THU 14-16 <u>Cambodian</u> <u>New Year</u> Cambodian	TUE-THU 14-16 <u>Bun Pi Mai</u> <u>(New Year)</u> Laotian	MON-TUE 20-21 <u>First Day</u> <u>of Ridván</u> Bahá'i
	WED 22 <u>Earth Day</u> International	TUE-WED 28-29 <u>Ninth Day</u> <u>of Ridván</u> Bahá'i	

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MAY 2026

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



FRI
1

Beltane

Neo-Pagan



FRI
1

Buddha Day/
Visakha Puja/
Vesek

Buddhist



FRI
1

May Day
(International
Worker's Day)

International

FRI-SAT
1-2

Twelfth Day
of Ridván¹

Bahá'i



TUE
5

Cinco de
Mayo

United States /
Mexican

TUE
5

National Day of
Awareness for
Missing & Murdered
Indigenous Women,
Girls, & 2-Spirit

United States



SUN
10

El Día
de la Madre

Mexico, El Salvador
Guatemala

SUN
10

Mother's Day

United States



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MAY 2026

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



THU 21	<u>World Day for Cultural Diversity</u> International	THU-SAT 21-23	* ^ <u>Shavuot</u> Jewish	SAT-SUN 23-24	* <u>Declaration of the Báb</u> Bahá'i		
SUN 24	<u>Pentecost</u> Christian	SUN-FRI 24-29	* <u>Hajj</u> Islamic	MON 25	<u>Memorial Day</u> United States/ Mexican No School	TUE-WED 26-27	* <u>Eid-ul-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)</u> Islamic
	THU-FRI 28-29	* <u>Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh</u> Bahá'i	SUN 31	<u>Haitian Mother's Day</u> Haitian			

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JUNE 2026

**LGBTQ+ Pride Month | National Immigrant Heritage Month
Caribbean American Heritage Month**



FRI 12 Philippine Independence Day
Filipino

FRI 12 Loving Day
United States

SUN 14 Race Unity Day
Bahá'í / United States

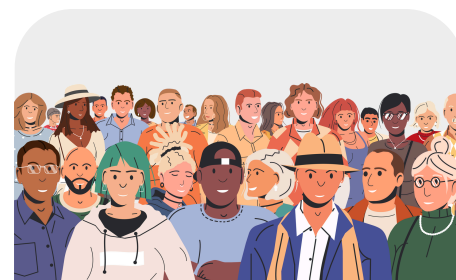


SUN 14 Día de los Niños¹
Latin American

TUE-TUE 16-14 Muharram (Al-Hijrah New Year)² *
Islamic

FRI 19 Juneteenth
United States

SAT 20 World Refugee Day
International



SUN 21 Summer Solstice/Litha
Neo-Pagan

SUN 28 International LGBTQ+ Pride Day
International



Notes:

1. Día de los Niños is celebrated in many Latin American countries including Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

2. Muharram/Al-Hijra is from June 16 to July 14.

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JULY 2026

Disability Pride Month | BIPOC Mental Health Month



TUE-TUE
16-14

Muharram *
(Al Hijrah
New Year) ¹

Islamic

THU
2

**17th of
Tammuz**

Jewish

FRI
3

**Black Hair
Independence
Day (Crown Day)**

United States



SAT
4

**Independence
Day.**

United States

FRI
10

**Martyrdom
of the Báb** ^

Bahá'í

FRI
10

**Black Women's
Equal Pay Day.** ²

United States

TUE
14

**International
Non-Binary
People's Day.**

International



THU
23

**Birthday
of Haile
Selassie**

Rastafarian

SUN
26

**National
Disability
Independence
Day.**

International

WED
29

**Dharma
Day.**

Buddhist

Notes:

1. Muharram/Al-Hijra is from June 16 to July 14.

2. Black Women's Equal Pay Day is a projected date and may change.

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