# October 2023

Educator Calendar

**All month:** ADHD Awareness Month · Down Syndrome Awareness Month · Dyslexia Awareness Month · October Theme: Bullying Prevention & Self-Control · National Bullying Prevention Month

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4**<br>• Walk to School Day | **5** | **6** | **7** |
| **8**<br>• Fire Prevention Week | **9**<br>• Fire Prevention Week | **10**<br>• Mental Health Day<br>• Fire Prevention Week | **11**<br>• Day of the Girl<br>• Fire Prevention Week | **12**<br>• Fire Prevention Week | **13**<br>• Fire Prevention Week | **14**<br>• Fire Prevention Week |
| **15**<br>• Handwashing Day | **16**<br>• Food Day<br>• Bus Safety Week | **17**<br>• Bus Safety Week | **18**<br>• Bus Safety Week | **19**<br>• Bus Safety Week | **20**<br>• Bus Safety Week<br>• Day on Writing | **21** |
| **22** | **23**<br>• Red Ribbon Week | **24**<br>• Red Ribbon Week | **25**<br>• Red Ribbon Week | **26**<br>• Red Ribbon Week | **27**<br>• Red Ribbon Week | **28**<br>• Red Ribbon Week |
| **29**<br>• Red Ribbon Week | **30**<br>• Red Ribbon Week | **31**<br>• Halloween<br>• Red Ribbon Week | | | | |

**Legend:** • Holidays & Celebrations • Awareness Days/Months • Monthly Teaching Themes • Prevention & Safety • Other

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## Events in October 2023

**Oct 1 – Oct 31** **ADHD Awareness Month** (Awareness Days/Months) A month raising awareness of ADHD.

**Oct 1 – Oct 31** **Down Syndrome Awareness Month** (Awareness Days/Months) A month celebrating people with Down syndrome.

**Oct 1 – Oct 31** **Dyslexia Awareness Month** (Awareness Days/Months) A month raising awareness of dyslexia.

**Oct 1 – Oct 31** **National Bullying Prevention Month** (Prevention & Safety) A month promoting kindness, acceptance and bullying prevention.

**Oct 1 – Oct 31** **October Theme: Bullying Prevention & Self-Control** (Monthly Teaching Themes, TTW teaching theme) TTW teaching theme: bullying prevention, safety and self-control.

**Wed Oct 4** **Walk to School Day** (Prevention & Safety) A day encouraging safe walking and biking to school (first Wednesday in October).

**Oct 8 – Oct 14** **Fire Prevention Week** (Prevention & Safety) NFPA's week (Sunday to Saturday) containing October 9, promoting fire safety.

**Tue Oct 10** **World Mental Health Day** (Awareness Days/Months) A WHO day for global mental health education and awareness.

**Wed Oct 11** **International Day of the Girl** (Awareness Days/Months) A UN day promoting girls' rights and empowerment.

**Sun Oct 15** **Global Handwashing Day** (Awareness Days/Months) A day promoting handwashing with soap.

**Oct 16 – Oct 20** **National School Bus Safety Week** (Prevention & Safety) A week promoting school bus safety (third full week of October).

**Mon Oct 16** **World Food Day** (Awareness Days/Months) An FAO day promoting action against hunger.

**Fri Oct 20** **National Day on Writing** (Other) NCTE's day celebrating writing.

**Oct 23 – Oct 31** **Red Ribbon Week** (Prevention & Safety) The nation's largest drug-prevention awareness campaign (October 23–31).

**Tue Oct 31** **Halloween** (Holidays & Celebrations) A celebration with costumes and treats; check district guidance for classroom celebrations.