November 2026

Educator Calendar

All month: National Adoption Month · November Theme: Gratitude & Generosity · Native American Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	**2**	**3** • Election Day	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13** • Kindness Day	**14** • Diabetes Day
15 • Recycles Day	**16** • Day for Tolerance • American Education Week	**17** • American Education Week	**18** • ESP Day • American Education Week	**19** • American Education Week • Great American Smokeout	**20** • Children's Day • Substitute Educators Day • American Education Week	**21**
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** • Native American Heritage Day	**28**
29	**30**					

Legend: • Awareness Days/Months • Appreciation Days/Weeks • Monthly Teaching Themes • Prevention & Safety • Culture & History

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Events in November 2026

Nov 1 – Nov 30 **National Adoption Month** (Awareness Days/Months) A month raising awareness of adoption from foster care.

Nov 1 – Nov 30 **Native American Heritage Month** (Culture & History) A month celebrating the cultures, traditions and contributions of Native peoples.

Nov 1 – Nov 30 **November Theme: Gratitude & Generosity** (Monthly Teaching Themes, TTW teaching theme) TTW teaching theme: gratitude, kindness and generosity.

Tue Nov 3 **Election Day** (Culture & History, varies by location) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; some schools serve as polling places.

Fri Nov 13 **World Kindness Day** (Awareness Days/Months) A global day highlighting good deeds and kindness.

Sat Nov 14 **World Diabetes Day** (Awareness Days/Months) A day raising awareness of diabetes.

Sun Nov 15 **America Recycles Day** (Awareness Days/Months) A day promoting recycling.

Nov 16 – Nov 20 **American Education Week** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) NEA's week celebrating public education (the week before Thanksgiving).

Mon Nov 16 **International Day for Tolerance** (Awareness Days/Months) A UNESCO day promoting respect, acceptance and understanding of different cultures and beliefs.

Wed Nov 18 **National Education Support Professionals Day** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) Honours education support professionals, on the Wednesday of American Education Week.

Thu Nov 19 **Great American Smokeout** (Prevention & Safety) The American Cancer Society's day encouraging people to quit smoking (third Thursday of November).

Fri Nov 20 **National Substitute Educators Day** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) Honours substitute educators, on the Friday of American Education Week.

Fri Nov 20 **World Children's Day** (Awareness Days/Months) UNICEF's day for children's rights.

Fri Nov 27 **Native American Heritage Day** (Culture & History) Observed the day after Thanksgiving to honour Native Americans.