# October 2026

Educator Calendar

**All month:** ADHD Awareness Month · Down Syndrome Awareness Month · Dyslexia Awareness Month · National Physical Therapy Month · National Principals Month · National Bullying Prevention Month

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 2<br>• Custodian Day<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 3<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month |
| 4<br>• Fire Prevention Week<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 5<br>• World Teachers' Day<br>• Fire Prevention Week<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 6<br>• Fire Prevention Week<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 7<br>• Walk to School Day<br>• Fire Prevention Week<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 8<br>• Fire Prevention Week<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 9<br>• Fire Prevention Week<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 10<br>• Mental Health Day<br>• Fire Prevention Week<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month |
| 11<br>• Day of the Girl<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 12<br>• Indigenous Peoples' Day<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 13<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 14<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 15<br>• Handwashing Day<br>• Hispanic Heritage Month | 16<br>• Food Day<br>• Boss's Day | 17 |
| 18 | 19<br>• Bus Safety Week | 20<br>• Bus Safety Week | 21<br>• Bus Safety Week | 22<br>• Bus Safety Week | 23<br>• Bus Safety Week<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 • Appreciation Days/Weeks • Prevention & Safety • Culture & History

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## Events in October 2026

**Sep 15 – Oct 15** **Hispanic Heritage Month** (Culture & History) A celebration of the histories, cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans (September 15 – October 15).

**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** **National Physical Therapy Month** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) APTA's month recognising physical therapists.

**Oct 1 – Oct 31** **National Principals Month** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) A month honouring school principals.

**Fri Oct 2** **National Custodian Day** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) A day thanking school custodians.

**Oct 4 – Oct 10** **Fire Prevention Week** (Prevention & Safety) NFPA's week (Sunday to Saturday) containing October 9, promoting fire safety.

**Mon Oct 5** **World Teachers' Day** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) UNESCO's day celebrating teachers worldwide.

**Wed Oct 7** **Walk to School Day** (Prevention & Safety) A day encouraging safe walking and biking to school (first Wednesday in October).

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

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

**Mon Oct 12** **Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day** (Culture & History, varies by location) The second Monday of October: a federal holiday (Columbus Day); many states and districts observe Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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

**Fri Oct 16** **Boss's Day** (Appreciation Days/Weeks) A day to show appreciation to principals, assistant principals and school administrators for their leadership (October 16; observed on the nearest weekday when it falls on a weekend).

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

**Oct 19 – Oct 23** **National School Bus Safety Week** (Prevention & Safety) A week promoting school bus safety (third full week of October).

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

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