October 2026

Educator Calendar

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 • Hispanic Heritage Month	2 • Custodian Day • Hispanic Heritage Month	3 • Hispanic Heritage Month
4 • Fire Prevention Week • Hispanic Heritage Month	5 • World Teachers' Day • Fire Prevention Week • Hispanic Heritage Month	6 • Fire Prevention Week • Hispanic Heritage Month	7 • Walk to School Day • Fire Prevention Week • Hispanic Heritage Month	8 • Fire Prevention Week • Hispanic Heritage Month	9 • Fire Prevention Week • Hispanic Heritage Month	10 • Mental Health Day • Fire Prevention Week • Hispanic Heritage Month
11 • Day of the Girl • Hispanic Heritage Month	12 • Indigenous Peoples' Day • Hispanic Heritage Month	13 • Hispanic Heritage Month	14 • Hispanic Heritage Month	15 • Handwashing Day • Hispanic Heritage Month	16 • Food Day • Boss's Day	17
18	19 • Bus Safety Week	20 • Bus Safety Week	21 • Bus Safety Week	22 • Bus Safety Week	23 • Bus Safety Week • Red Ribbon Week	24 • Red Ribbon Week
25 • Red Ribbon Week	26 • Red Ribbon Week	27 • Red Ribbon Week	28 • Red Ribbon Week	29 • Red Ribbon Week	30 • Red Ribbon Week	31 • Halloween • Red Ribbon Week

Legend: • Holidays & Celebrations • Awareness Days/Months • Appreciation Days/Weeks • Monthly Teaching Themes • 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.

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.

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.