# October 2014

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 |
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| | | | **1**<br>Walk to School Day<br>Hispanic Heritage Month | **2**<br>Custodian Day<br>Hispanic Heritage Month | **3**<br>Hispanic Heritage Month | **4**<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>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>Fire Prevention Week<br>Hispanic Heritage Month |
| **12**<br>Hispanic Heritage Month | **13**<br>Indigenous Peoples' Day<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** | **20**<br>Bus Safety Week<br>Day on Writing | **21**<br>Bus Safety Week | **22**<br>Bus Safety Week | **23**<br>Bus Safety Week<br>Red Ribbon Week | **24**<br>Bus Safety Week<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 · Monthly Teaching Themes · Prevention & Safety · Culture & History · Other

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## Events in October 2014

**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.

**Wed Oct 1** **Walk to School Day** (Prevention & Safety) A day encouraging safe walking and biking to school (first Wednesday in October).

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

**Oct 5 – Oct 11** **Fire Prevention Week** (Prevention & Safety) NFPA's week (Sunday to Saturday) containing October 9, promoting fire safety.

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

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

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

**Mon Oct 13** **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.

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

**Thu 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).

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

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

**Oct 20 – Oct 24** **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).

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