October 2003

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 Walk to School Day Hispanic Heritage Month	2 Custodian Day Hispanic Heritage Month	3 Hispanic Heritage Month	4 Hispanic Heritage Month
5 World Teachers' Day Fire Prevention Week Hispanic Heritage Month	6 Fire Prevention Week Hispanic Heritage Month	7 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 Fire Prevention Week Hispanic Heritage Month
12 Hispanic Heritage Month	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day Hispanic Heritage Month	14 Hispanic Heritage Month	15 Handwashing Day Hispanic Heritage Month	16 Food Day Boss's Day	17	18
19	20 Bus Safety Week	21 Bus Safety Week	22 Bus Safety Week	23 Bus Safety Week Red Ribbon Week	24 Bus Safety Week 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 2003

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.

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.