Educator Calendar

October 2003

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 Day on Writing	**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 · Other

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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.

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.