CELEBRATIONS, HOLIDAYS & DAYS OF RECOGNITION

CELEBRATING THE DAYS THAT MATTER TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our schools are connected to a community with many different experiences, backgrounds and interests. This reference guide brings together commonly recognized national, provincial, educational, health, inclusion, environmental, and commemorative days, weeks and months that may be observed by students, families, and staff throughout the school year.

This list is not exhaustive, and we know there may be important dates or events that are not included. If you have a date, event or observance you think should be considered for inclusion, please contact us. We're always open to learning more and adding to the resource as needed.

We hope this reference guide helps our school communities learn from one another, celebrate what matters to us, and continue creating welcoming schools for everyone.

September

- Labour Day
- Read a Book Day
- International Literacy Day
- World Suicide Prevention Day
- Official Languages Day
- Peace Days (MB Education Proclamation)
- International Day of Democracy
- Rail Safety Week
- International Day of Peace
- Gender Equality Week
- International Day for Universal Access to Information
- School Support Staff Recognition Week (MB Education Proclamation)
- Truth & Reconciliation Week
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day)

October

- Dyslexia Awareness Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- Global Diversity Month
- Cyber Security Month
- Soc-Tober
- Women's History Month

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- World Teachers' Day
- Do Something Nice Day
- Fire Prevention Week
- Mental Illness Awareness Week
- National Healthy Schools Week
- Science Literacy Week
- World Mental Health Day
- International Day of the Girl Child
- Thanksgiving Day
- International Pronouns Day
- World Food Day
- Persons Day
- School Bus Safety Week
- Take Me Outside Day
- Manitoba School Library Day
- Media Literacy Week
- Digital Citizen Day
- Halloween

November

- Financial Literacy Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- Holocaust Education Month
- Indigenous Disability Awareness Month
- International Stress Awareness Week
- Take Our Kids to Work Day
- I Read Canadian Day
- Veterans' Week
- Indigenous Veterans Day
- Rock Your Mocs Week
- Remembrance Day
- Transgender Awareness Week
- World Kindness Day | Social Media Kindness Day
- National Day of Tolerance
- Rock Your Mocs Day
- National Addictions Awareness Week
- National Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week (MB Education Proclamation)
- Geography Awareness Week
- International Men's Day
- Universal Children's Day | National Child Day
- Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Canada History Week

December

- Universal Human Rights Month
- #GivingTuesday
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- Human Rights Day

January

- National Ribbon Skirt Day
- Bell Let's Talk Day
- Family Literacy Week
- International Day of Education
- Data Privacy Week
- Family Literacy Day
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day

February

- Manitoba Inclusive Education Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- Black History Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- I Love to Read Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- Burn Awareness Week
- International Development Week (MB Education Proclamation)
- Canadian School Counselling Week
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (MB Education Proclamation)
- Safer Internet Day
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 100 Days of School
- Valentine's Day
- National Flag of Canada Day
- Louis Riel Day
- Random Acts of Kindness Day
- World Day of Social Justice
- International Mother Language Day
- World Thinking Day
- Freedom to Read Week
- Fair Use Dealing Week
- Pink Shirt Day

March

- Student Presence & Engagement Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- Nutrition Month
- Women's History Month
- Fair Use Dealing Week

- Zero Discrimination Day
- Self-Harm Awareness Day (Kids Help Phone)
- World Book Day
- Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
- International Women's Day
- Pi Day (3.14)
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- St. Patrick's Day
- World Social Worker Day
- National Propane Day
- Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day
- International Day of Happiness
- French Language Day | International Francophonie Day
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- World Poetry Day
- World Water Day
- International Day of Zero Waste
- International Transgender Day of Visibility
- National Indigenous Languages Day

April

- Celebrate Diversity Month
- Autism Awareness (Acceptance) Month
- Month of the Military Child
- World Autism Awareness Day
- International Children's Book Day
- Good Friday
- Refugee Rights Day
- World Health Day
- International Day of Pink
- Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
- Turban Day
- Citizenship Week
- World Functional Neurological Disorder Awareness Day
- MB Education Week (MB Education Proclamation)
- School Bus Driver Day
- National Volunteer Week
- World Creativity & Innovation Day
- Earth Day
- Administrative Professionals' Day
- Teal Up Day for Military Kids
- Week of the Early Childhood Educator (MB Education Proclamation)

- Super Hero Day
- National Day of Mourning

May

- Music Month (MB Education Proclamation)
- Better Speech and Hearing Month
- Week of the Early Childhood Educator (MB Education Proclamation)
- National Principals' Day (COSL)
- Safety & Health Week
- Music Monday
- National Teacher Appreciation Week
- Screen-Free Week
- CMHA Mental Health Week
- Red Dress Day (National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People)
- National Child & Youth Mental Health Day
- Bear Witness Day (Jordan's Principle)
- Moose Hide Campaign Day
- International Day of Families
- International Day of Living Together in Peace
- International Day of the Boy Child
- International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- National Speech Language Pathologist Day
- Victoria Day
- Treaty Week (MB Education Proclamation)
- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- Manitoba Access Awareness Week
- Anti-Racism Awareness Week
- World No-Tobacco Day
- Canadian Environment Week

June

- National Indigenous History Month
- Pride Month (Pride Season)
- Canadian Environment Week
- Global Day of Parents
- International Children's Day
- Safe Kids Week
- Clean Air Day in Canada
- Red Shirt Day (of Action for AccessAbility and Inclusion)
- World Environment Day
- World Food Safety Day

- Race Unity Day
- Action Anxiety Day
- International Day of Play
- International Day for Countering Hate Speech
- World Refugee Day
- National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- World Music Day
- National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
- Canadian Multiculturalism Day
- Social Media Day

Additional Resources

- Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion 2026 Diversity Calendar
- Important and Commemorative Days | Canada.ca
- Calendar of Health Promotion Days | Canada.ca
- List of International Days and Weeks | United Nations
- Calendar of Awareness Days | MediaSmarts

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