

## Cultural Awareness Calendar 2019-2020

*This guide provides information about diverse cultural celebrations and religious holidays. It includes brief descriptions of the events. This resource can assist in event planning and school activities.*

Month	Cultural Event
<a href="#">September</a>	<p><b>All Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>National <u>Hispanic Heritage Month</u>:</b> Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.</li></ul> <p><b>Daily Acknowledgements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 9/16 - Mexican Independence Day</li><li>● 9/29 Jewish: Rosh Hashanah Begins the Jewish New Year 5780, and period of reflection about the past year and year to come</li></ul>
<a href="#">October</a>	<p><b>All Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Global Diversity Awareness Month:</b> Promotes understanding of differing cultural perspectives</li><li>● <b>National Disability Employment Awareness Month:</b> Enhance public awareness of people with disabilities and encourage their full integration into the workforce</li><li>● <b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b></li><li>● <b>National Italian American Heritage Month:</b> Celebrated by proclamation of the President and Congress in the United States to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States</li></ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Bullying Prevention Month:</b> A campaign to unite communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.</li><li>● <b>Domestic Violence Awareness Month:</b> The intent was to connect advocates for survivors of abuse across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children.</li><li>● <b>Down Syndrome Awareness Month:</b> A chance to spread awareness, advocacy, and inclusion throughout the community. During the month of October, celebrate individuals with Down syndrome and make people aware of their abilities and accomplishments.</li><li>● <b>Family History Month:</b> In 2001, Congress first passed a resolution to make that October Family History Month in the United States.</li><li>● <b>Filipino-American Heritage Month:</b> Commemorates the arrival of the first Filipinos who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587. It is also the birth month of Filipino American labor leader Larry Itliong.</li><li>● <b>LGBT History Month:</b> an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements.</li><li>● <b>National Disability Employment Awareness Month:</b> Recognizes the contributions of workers with disabilities.</li><li>● <b>National German Heritage Month:</b> (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6 as German-American Day to celebrate and honor the 300th anniversary of German American immigration and culture to the United States.</li><li>● <b>National Work and Family Month:</b> Designed to communicate and celebrate the progress towards creating healthier and more flexible work environments. The goal of the campaign is to remind employers about the business benefits of supporting work-life effectiveness programs.</li><li>● <b>Polish-American Heritage Month:</b> first celebrated in 1981 after organization by Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Cultural Center in Philadelphia.</li></ul> |
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<b>November</b>	<p><b>All Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Native American Heritage Month:</b> Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans and indigenous people in the United States.</li> </ul> <p><b>Daily Acknowledgements</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/1 – LGBT+: Tim Cook First openly-gay Fortune 500 CEO</li> <li>• 11/16 – Dutch American Heritage Day</li> <li>• 11/16 - International Day for Tolerance:Emphasizes the dangers of intolerance and is a call to action for the advancement of human welfare, freedom and progress everywhere, as well as a day to encourage tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures and peoples.</li> <li>• 11/18 – Hispanic American: Roberto Goizueta First Hispanic CEO of a Fortune 500 company</li> <li>• 11/20 – LGBT : Transgender Day of Remembrance: Memorializes those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.</li> <li>• 11/9-11/10 Islamic Holiday: Mawlid</li> <li>• 11/30 – Black American: Shirley Chisholm first Black American woman elected to the U.S. Congress</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Daily Acknowledgements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12/3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Raises awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity</li> <li>• 12/10 Human Rights Day: On this day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.</li> <li>• 12/12 – Mexico: Fiesta de Guadalupe Feast day of the patron saint of Mexico</li> <li>• 12/22 – Jewish – Hanukkah (12/22-12/30) Commemorates the Jewish victory over Syrian Greeks in 165 B.C.E., restoring Jewish independence</li> <li>• 12/25 – Christian: Christmas</li> <li>• 12/26 – Black: Kwanzaa (12/26-1/1) A seven-day celebration honoring African American heritage and its continued vitality. “Kwanzaa” means “first fruits (of the harvest)” in Swahili. Inspired by harvest festivals in Africa</li> </ul>

<b>January</b>	<b>Daily Acknowledgements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/20 - Dr. Martin King Jr Day: The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is on January 15th but it is observed on the third Monday in January.</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<b>All Month</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Black History Month</b> - Celebrates Black History and African American culture in the United States</li> </ul> <b>Daily Acknowledgements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/1 - National Freedom Day Commemorates the signing of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865</li> <li>• 2/15 - Susan B. Anthony Day: A commemorative holiday to celebrate the birth of Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906) and women's suffrage in the United States.</li> <li>• 2/26 - Ash Wednesday: Western Christian The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<b>All Month</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Women's History Month:</b> Honors women as significant agents of historical change</li> </ul> <b>Daily Acknowledgements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/8 - International Women's Day: A Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide</li> <li>• 3/21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.</li> </ul>
<b>April free</b>	<b>All Month</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Autism Awareness:</b> Internationally recognized day on 2 April every year, raising</li> </ul>

	<p>awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder throughout the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Genocide Awareness Month:</b> A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations join together to remember and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Daily Acknowledgments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/ 9–16 Passover: Jewish</li> <li>● 4/ 9 - Holy Thursday: Christian Also known as Maundy Thursday</li> <li>● 4/10 - Good Friday: Christian Known as Holy Friday in Eastern Christianity</li> <li>● 4/12 - Easter: Christian</li> <li>● 4/24–5/23 Ramadan: Islamic Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting</li> </ul>
May	<p><b>All Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Asian Pacific American Heritage Month:</b> Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.</li> <li>● <b>Jewish American Heritage Month:</b> Recognizes the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievements of American Jews.</li> </ul> <p><b>Daily Acknowledgements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● April 24–May 23 Ramadan: Islamic Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting</li> <li>● 5/1 - International Workers Day: Also known as May Day, it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide.</li> <li>● 5/3 - World Press Freedom Day: Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.</li> </ul>

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<b>June</b>	<p><b>All Month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>LGBTQ+ Pride Month:</b> Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States.</li> </ul> <p><b>Daily Acknowledgements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6/12 - Anne Frank Day: Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of Gentile friends.</li> <li>● 6/12 - Loving Day Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision Loving v. Virginia which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.</li> <li>● 6/14 - Race Unity Day: Promotes racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.</li> <li>● 6/14 Flag Day: Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.</li> <li>● 6/19 - Juneteenth: Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, its now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African-American freedom and achievement.</li> <li>● 6/20 - World Refugee Day: Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced</li> </ul>

	<p>persons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6/26 - Anniversary of Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage in the U.S.: On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples.</li></ul>
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