

# National Educational and Health Awareness Dates

## AUG. 17

**National Immunization Awareness Month**

- 6 Friendship Day
- 8 Happiness Happens Day
- 13 Left Handers' Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day

## SEPT. 17

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**  
**Children's Good Manners Month**  
**Library Card Sign-up Month**  
**National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**  
**National Preparedness Month**  
**National Recovery Month**  
**Self-Improvement Month**  
**Sexual Health Awareness Month**  
**Sept. 15– Oct. 15 Hispanic Heritage Month**

- 8 International Literacy Day
- 10-16 National Suicide Prevention Week
- 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- 10 Grandparents Day
- 15-17 Clean up the World Weekend
- 17-23 Child Passenger Safety Week
- 17 Constitution Day/Citizenship Day
- 19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 20 National School Backpack Awareness Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 21 RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) Day
- 24 Family Health & Fitness Day
- 25-29 Ally Week
- 27 National Women's Health & Fitness Day
- 29 World Heart Day

## OCT. 17

**ADHD Awareness Month**  
**Bullying Prevention Month**  
**Communicate with Your Kids Month**  
**Computer Learning Month**  
**Crime Prevention Month**  
**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
**Health Literacy Month**  
**LGBT History Month**  
**National Book Month**  
**National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month**  
**Positive Attitude Month**

- 1 International Day for Older Persons
- 2-8 Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 2 Child Health Day
- 2 World Habitat Day
- 4 Walk and Bike to School Day
- 5 World Teacher's Day
- 5 National Depression Screening Day
- 6 World Smile Day
- 8-14 Teen Read Week
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 15-21 America's Safe Schools Week
- 16-20 National Health Education Week
- 16-20 National School Bus Safety Week
- 16 World Food Day
- 22 International Stuttering Awareness Day
- 23-31 Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Unity Day/Stop Bullying Day

# NOV. 17

**Adoption Awareness Month**  
**Military Family Appreciation Month**  
**National Career Development Month**  
**National Family Caregivers Month**  
**National Runaway Prevention Month**  
**National Scholarship Month**  
**Native American Heritage Month**  
**Picture Book Month**

- 11-19 National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 13-17 American Education Week
- 16 Great American Smokeout
- 16 International Day for Tolerance
- 16 National Parental Involvement Day
- 18 International Survivors of Suicide Day
- 18 Family Volunteer Day
- 18 National Adoption Day
- 24 Native American Heritage Day
- 24 Random Acts of Kindness Friday

# DEC. 17

**National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**  
**Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 2 Special Education Day
- 3-9 National Handwashing Awareness Week
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day

# JAN. 18

**Get Organized Month**  
**National Mentoring Month**  
**National Blood Donor Month**  
**National Thank-You Month**

- 1 Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
- 1 Global Family Day
- 15-19 No Name-Calling Week
- 21 World Religion Day
- 22-28 National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week
- 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day

# FEB. 18

**African American History Month**  
**Career and Technical Education Month**  
**International Boost Self-Esteem Month**  
**National Children's Dental Health Month**  
**Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 2 National Groundhog Job Shadow Day
- 5-9 National School Counseling Week
- 11-17 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 22 World Thinking Day
- 23-March 1 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

# MARCH 18

**Gender Equality Month**  
**Middle Level Education Month**  
**Music in Our Schools Month**  
**National Nutrition Month**  
**Women's History Month**  
**Youth Art Month**

- 1 Self-injury Awareness Day
- 2 Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- 5-9 National School Breakfast Week
- 8 International Women's Day
- 19-23 National Youth Violence Prevention Week
- 19 Kick Butts Day
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 World Water Day

# APRIL 18

**Alcohol Awareness Month**  
**Child Abuse Prevention Month**  
**Community Service Month**  
**Counseling Awareness Month**  
**D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read Month**  
**Keep America Beautiful Month**  
**Mathematics Awareness Month**  
**Month of the Military Child**  
**National Autism Awareness Month**  
**National STD Awareness Month**  
**National Youth Sports Safety Month**  
**School Library Month**  
**Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**

- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3 Sexual Assault Awareness Day of Action
- 4-8 National Youth Violence Prevention Week
- 5 National Alcohol Screening Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 8-14 National Library Week

- 16-20 Public School Volunteer Week
- 16-20 Week of the Young Child
- 20-22 Global Youth Service Days
- 22-28 National Sleep Awareness Week
- 22 Earth Day
- 25 Administrative Professionals Day
- 26 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- 27 Day of Silence
- 30 Children's Day/Book Day
- 30-May 6 Screen Free Week (TV Turnoff Week)

# MAY 18

**Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month**  
**Better Hearing and Speech Month**  
**Clean Air Month**  
**Mental Health Month**  
**Military Appreciation Month**  
**National Bike Month**  
**National Foster Care Month**  
**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**  
**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month**

- 1-7 Choose Privacy Week
- 7-11 National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
- 19 Armed Forces Day
- 25 National Missing Children's Day
- 31 World No Tobacco Day

# JUNE 18

**Fireworks Safety Month (1-July 4)**  
**National Hunger Awareness Month**  
**National Safety Month**

- 1 International Children's Day
- 5 World Environment Day
- 14 Flag Day