## National Educational and Health Awareness Dates

### AUG. 17

- **National Immunization Awareness Month**
- **Friendship Day**
- **Happiness Happens Day**
- **Left Handers’ Day**
- **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**

- **International Literacy Day**
- **National Suicide Prevention Week**
- **World Suicide Prevention Day**
- **Grandparents Day**
- **Clean up the World Weekend**
- **Child Passenger Safety Week**
- **Constitution Day/Citizenship Day**
- **International Talk Like a Pirate Day**
- **National School Backpack Awareness Day**
- **International Day of Peace**
- **RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) Day**
- **Family Health & Fitness Day**
- **Ally Week**
- **National Women’s Health & Fitness Day**
- **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**

- **International Day for Older Persons**
- **Mental Illness Awareness Week**
- **Child Health Day**
- **World Habitat Day**
- **Walk and Bike to School Day**
- **World Teacher’s Day**
- **National Depression Screening Day**
- **World Smile Day**
- **Teen Read Week**
- **America’s Safe Schools Week**
- **National Coming Out Day**
- **National Health Education Week**
- **National School Bus Safety Week**
- **World Food Day**
- **International Stuttering Awareness Day**
- **Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)**
- **United Nations Day**
- **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**

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### DEC. 17

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

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### JAN. 18

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

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### 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**

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

MARCH 18

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

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