

Multicultural Calendar

The rich diversity in our communities is reflected in the observances celebrated by various cultures and populations. National PTA has created this Multicultural Calendar to highlight and celebrate the diversity in our PTA and school communities. If you want to learn more about these holidays, we encourage you to visit the links provided in the calendar. You can also visit the following websites to explore the various resources used to compose this 2021 PTA Multicultural Calendar.

Webster University, Holidays Observance Guide:

<https://libguides.webster.edu/c.php?g=98058&p=6623030>

Anti-Defamation League, Calendar of Observances:

<https://www.adl.org/media/14060/download>

Diversity Resources, Diversity Calendar: <https://www.diversityresources.com/2020-diversity-calendar/>

Truckee Meadows Community College, Diversity Awareness Calendar:

<https://www.tmcc.edu/diversity/awareness-calendar>

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JANUARY 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	Poverty in American Awareness Month	United States	Poverty Awareness Month
1	New Year's Day*	International	New Year
6	Epiphany	Christian	Epiphany
7	Orthodox Christmas Day	Orthodox	Orthodox Christmas Day
8	Bodhi Day	Buddhist	Bodhi Day
14	Orthodox New Year	Orthodox	Orthodox New Year
17	World Religion Day	Bahá'í	World Religion Day
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day*	United States	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
27-28	Tu b'shevat	Jewish	Tu BiShvat
28	Mahayana New Year	Buddist	Mahayana New Year

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FEBRUARY 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	African American Heritage Month	United States	African American Heritage Month
2	Groundhog Day	United States	Groundhog Day
2	Candlemas/Día de la Candelaria	Christian	Candlemas
12	Lunar New Year	China	Lunar New Year
15	Presidents' Day*	United States	
16	Mardi Gras	United States	Mardi Gras
20	World Day of Social Justice	International	World Day of Social Justice
21	International Mother Language Day	International	International Mother Language Day
25	Purim	Jewish	Purim
26	Mukha Bucha Day/Māgha Pūjā	Buddhist- Thailand	Māgha Pūjā

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MARCH 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month	United States	Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
All Month	Irish-American Heritage Month	United States	Irish-American Heritage Month
All Month	Women's History Month	United States	Women's History Month
8	International Women's Day	International	International Women's Day
11	Maha Shivratri	Hindu	Maha Shivratri
17	St. Patrick's Day	International	St. Patrick's Day
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	International	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
27	Pesach/Passover Begins	Jewish	Passover
28	Palm Sunday	Christian	Palm Sunday
28-29	Holi	Hindu	Holi

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APRIL 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	Arab American Heritage Month	United States	Arab American Heritage Month
All Month	Autism Awareness Month	United States	Autism Awareness Month
All Month	Month of the Military Child	United States	Month of the Military Child
All Month	National Volunteer Month	United States	National Volunteer Month
4	Easter	Christian	Easter
4	Pesach/Passover Ends	Jewish	Passover
8-9	Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Memorial Day	Jewish	Yom HaShoah
12	Ramadan Begins	Muslim	Ramadan
13-15	Songkran Festival/Thai New Year	Thailand	Songkran Festival /Thai New Year
13	Vaisakhi	Sikh	Vaisakhi
22	Earth Day	International	Earth Day

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MAY 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month	United States	Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month
All Month	Haitian Heritage Month	United States	Haitian Heritage Month
All Month	Jewish American Heritage Month	United States	Jewish American Heritage Month
All Month	Speech and Hearing Awareness Month	United States	Speech and Hearing Awareness Month
1	May Day/Labor Day	International	May Day/ Labor Day
1	Beltane	Pagan	Beltane
5	Cinco de Mayo	Mexicans, Mexican Americans, and people of non-Mexican heritage	Cinco de Mayo
12-13	Eid ul Fitr	Muslim	Eid ul Fitr
15	International Day of Families	International	International Day of Families
16-18	Shavuot	Jewish	Shavuot
21	World Day for Cultural Diversity	International	World Day for Cultural Diversity
25	Africa Day	Africa	Africa Day
26	Vesak Day	Buddhist	Vesak Day
29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'í	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh
31	Memorial Day*	United States	Memorial Day

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JUNE 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	Caribbean American Heritage Month	United States	Caribbean American Heritage Month
All Month	LGBTQ Pride Month	United States	LGBTQ Pride Month
14	Flag Day	United States	Flag Day
19	Juneteenth	United States	Juneteenth
20	Father's Day	International	Father's Day
20	World Refugee Day	International	World Refugee Day

JULY 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	French American Heritage Month	United States	French American Heritage Month
4	Independence Day*	United States	Independence Day
4	Filipino-American Friendship Day/Republic Day	Philippines	Filipino-American Friendship Day
24	Asalha Puja Day	Buddhist - Thailand	Asalha Puja Day

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AUGUST 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	International	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
9-10	Al-Hijra	Islam	Al-Hijra
22	Raksha Bandhan	Hindu	Raksha Bandhan
26	Women's Equality Day	United States	Women's Equality Day
29	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Krishna Janmashtami

SEPTEMBER 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
6	Labor Day*	United States	Labor Day
6-8	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	Rosh Hashanah
15-Oct. 15	National Hispanic Heritage Month	United States	National Hispanic Heritage Month
15-16	Yom Kippur	Jewish	Yom Kippur
20-27	Sukkot	Jewish	Sukkot
27-29	Shemini Atzeret	Jewish	Shemini Atzeret
28-29	Simchat Torah	Jewish	Simchat Torah

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OCTOBER 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	Filipino American History Month	United States	Filipino American History Month
All Month	German American Heritage Month	United States	German American Heritage Month
All Month	Global Diversity Awareness Month	United States	Global Diversity Awareness Month
All Month	Italian American Heritage Month	United States	Italian American Heritage Month
All Month	LGBTQ History Month	United States	LGBTQ History Month
All Month	National Disability Awareness Month	United States	National Disability Employment Awareness Month
All Month	Polish American Heritage Month	United States	Polish American Heritage Month
6	German American Heritage Day	United States	German American Heritage Day
6-14	Navratri	Hindu	Navratri
10	World Mental Health Day	International	World Mental Health Day
11	Indigenous Peoples' Day *	United States	Indigenous People's Day
25	Dashahra	Hindu	Dashahra
31	Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead	Mexico	Day of the Dead
31	Halloween	United States	Halloween

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NOVEMBER 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
All Month	National American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month	United States	National American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month
1	All Saints' Day	Christian	All Saints' Day
2	Day of the Dead Ends	Mexico	Day of the Dead
11	Veteran's Day*	United States	Veteran's Day
20	World's Children Day	International	World's Children Day
25	Thanksgiving*	United States	Thanksgiving
26	Native American Heritage Day	United States	Native American Heritage Day
28	Hanukkah Begins	Jewish	Hanukkah

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DECEMBER 2021

DAY	EVENT	CULTURE	LEARN MORE
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	International	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
6	St. Nicholas' Day	Christian	St. Nicholas' Day
6	Hanukkah Ends	Jewish	Hanukkah
10	Human Rights Day	International	Human Rights Day
21	Yule	Pagan	Yule
16-24	Las Posadas	Christian-Mexico	Las Posadas
24	Christmas Eve/Nochebuena	Christian	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas*	Christian	Christmas
26	Kwanzaa	United States	Kwanzaa