

2017–18 IMPORTANT & INTERESTING DATES

JUNE–JULY 2017

Eid al-Fitr

June 25

Muslim day of feasting to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

Independence Day

July 4

AUGUST 2017

Teachers Report for Duty

August 29

SEPTEMBER 2017

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September 1–30

Established by Congress as an annual reminder to ensure all children have library cards. A library card is the most important school supply of all!

www.ala.org

Eid al-Adha

September 2

Muslim holy day known as the Feast of Sacrifice, marking the end of the Pilgrimage.

Labor Day

September 4

An annual holiday to honor working people. Labor Day has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest.

Classes Begin — All Students

September 6

International Literacy Day

September 8

A day to highlight the importance of reading, particularly from a multicultural, international perspective.

Mexican Independence Days

September 15–16

Mexican national holiday to celebrate Mexico's independence from Spain.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15–Oct. 15

Celebrates the rich heritage of Hispanic Americans and the many contributions they have made to American culture.

Constitution Week, September 17–23

Citizenship Day, Sept. 17

After framing the Constitution, the Constitutional Convention adjourned on September 17, 1787. The proposed document then was sent to Congress and the states for ratification.

Rosh Hashanah

Sunset on September 20 to Sunset on September 22

Jewish New Year and holy days. The first of the High Holy Days marked by solemn religious observance.

International Day of Peace

September 21

Devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.

www.un.org/events/peaceday

First Day of Autumn (Autumnal Equinox)

September 22

Anniversary of School Desegregation Order Enforced

September 24

On this date in 1957, nine black students first attended the previously all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. They were escorted by federal troops to enforce a court order.

National Good Neighbor Day

September 28

Intended to help create a greater understanding and concern for others and develop values in children by giving them a tradition of caring.

Yom Kippur

Sunset on September 29 to Sunset on September 30

Jewish holy day devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance.

OCTOBER 2017

International Walk and Bike to School Day

October 4

Parents and kids statewide are encouraged to join millions around the world who will improve their health and their community—and have a ton of fun—by walking or rolling to school on October 5.

www.walkbiketoschool.org

Fire Prevention Week

October 8–14

www.nfpa.org

National School Lunch Week

October 9–13

www.schoolnutrition.org/nslw

Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 12

Columbus Day is a day to honor all explorers and to commemorate Columbus's sighting of the New World on October 12, 1492. A federal day celebrated on the second Monday in October

National School Bus Safety Week

October 16–20

www.napt.org

Red Ribbon Week

October 23–31

Red ribbons are worn and displayed to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a Drug-Free America.

www.redribbon.org

Halloween

October 31

NOVEMBER 2017

National Native American Heritage Month

November 1–30

A time to remember the contributions of Native Americans and Alaska Natives and to honor the unique heritage of our continent's first inhabitants.

Standard Time

November 5

Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. ("Fall Back")

Election Day

November 7

Veterans Day

November 11

American Education Week

November 13–17

www.nea.org/aew

National Parental Involvement Day

November 16

www.projectappleseed.org

Thanksgiving Day

November 23

Treaty of Calapooia Creek, Oregon Territory, 1854

November 29

Date of treaty in which the Umpqua and Kalapuyan tribes of the Umpqua Valley ceded their lands to the U.S. government. (See also Treaty with the Confederated Bands of Kalapuya, January 22.)

DECEMBER 2016

Hanukkah

Sunset on December 12 to Sunset on December 20

Hanukkah (or Chanukah), the Jewish Festival of Lights, lasts for eight days and nights. Primarily a children's festival, it is a time for fun, songs, games and gift-giving.

Winter Break

December 18–January 1

First Day of Winter (Winter Solstice)

December 21

Christmas Day

December 25

Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Christ.

Kwanzaa

December 26–January 1

Seven-day African American spiritual festival dedicated to seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

JANUARY 2018

New Year's Day

January 1

Epiphany / Twelfth Night / Three Kings' Day / Día de los Tres Reyes Magos

January 6

Always celebrated on January 6. Epiphany is also known as Three Kings' day and is a Christian celebration of the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance

January 16

The civil rights leader, minister, and winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize was born on January 15, 1929, and assassinated on April 4, 1968, at the age of 39. Per ORS 336.010, on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthdate, January 15, a portion of the day shall be set apart and observed in public schools by appropriate activities.

Treaty with the Confederated Bands of Kalapuya (a.k.a. Willamette Valley Treaty), Oregon Territory, 1855

January 22

Date of the treaty in which the Kalapuya and other tribes ceded the Willamette Valley to the U.S. government. The treaty was ratified by Congress in March 1855. The native people of the Willamette Valley were forcibly removed to Grand Ronde Encampment and other reservations the following winter.

FEBRUARY 2018

National African American History Month

February 1–28

This month-long celebration is a time to reflect on the history, teachings and achievements of African Americans.

National School Counseling Week**February 5–9**www.schoolcounselor.org**Abraham Lincoln's Birthday****February 12**

Per ORS 336.010, a portion of the day shall be set apart and observed in the public schools by appropriate activities.

Mardi Gras**February 13**

Last feast before the Christian season of Lent. Also called Shrove Tuesday.

Valentine's Day**February 14****Oregon Statehood****February 14**

Oregon was admitted into the Union on February 14, 1859. Per ORS 336.010, a portion of the day shall be set apart and observed in the public schools by appropriate activities.

Ash Wednesday**February 14**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Christian season of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence, which concludes the day before Easter in most denominations that observe it.

Susan B. Anthony's Birthday**February 15**

Susan B. Anthony, a prominent crusader for abolition of slavery and for women's rights, lived 1820–1906.

Lunar New Year**February 16**

In several cultures, the new year is based on the Chinese calendar. Related new year holidays include Chinese, Korean (Seollal), Vietnamese (Tết), Tibetan (Losar) and Mongolian Lunar New Year (Tsagaan Sar).

National PTA Founders Day**February 17**

An occasion to mark the work of the PTA or PTO.

www.pta.org**Presidents Day****February 19****Frederick Douglass Day****February 20**

African American journalist and antislavery leader Frederick Douglass died on this date in 1895. His birthdate is unknown.

George Washington's Birthday**February 22**

Per ORS 336.010, a portion of the day shall be set apart and observed in the public schools by appropriate activities.

W.E.B. DuBois' Birthday

February 23

Scholar, social critic, and African American leader W.E.B. DuBois lived 1868–1963.

MARCH 2018

Music in Our Schools Month

March 1–31

www.nafme.org

National Nutrition Month

March 1–31

www.eatright.org

Women's History Month, March 1–31

International Women's Day, March 8

March is proclaimed by Congress as a month to celebrate the rich and inspiring heritage of women's contributions to the United States. International Women's Day was established in the early 1900s as a day to honor working women.

www.nwhp.org

NEA's Read Across America

March 2

www.nea.org/readacross

Classified Employees Week

March 5–9

www.osea.org

Daylight Saving Time

March 11

Set clocks forward one hour at 2:00 a.m. ("Spring Forward")

St. Patrick's Day

March 17

National Poison Prevention Week

March 18–24

www.poisonprevention.org

First Day of Spring (Vernal Equinox)

March 20

Spring Break

March 26–30

Passover (Pesach)

Sunset on March 30–sunset on April 7

Begins at sunset, March 30. Jewish festival marking the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

APRIL 2018

National Poetry Month

April 1–30

www.poets.org/npm

Celebration of Buddha’s Birthday

April 8

The founder of Buddhism lived 563–480 B.C.E.

National Library Week

April 8–14

Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah)

Sunset on April 11 to Sunset on April 12

Good Friday

April 14

Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion. Observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday.

Easter

April 16

Christian celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Observed the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox.

Orthodox Easter

April 16

Called Pascha, observed by Eastern Orthodox and Greek Orthodox churches.

Earth Day

April 22

Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated each year on April 22 to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth’s environment.

www.earthday.org

William Shakespeare’s Birthday

April 23

Shakespeare was born on this date in 1564 and died on the same date in 1616.

National Volunteer Week

April 23–29

ACE Awards Ceremony

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Annual awards program honoring teachers and licensed specialists, classified staff, administrators and volunteers in the three metro school districts. The ACE Awards are a collaborative effort of the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce and the Eugene, Bethel, and Springfield school districts.

Administrative Professionals Day

April 25

<http://www.iaap-hq.org/page/AdminProDay>

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

April 26

www.daughtersandsonstowork.org

National Arbor Day

April 27

Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. It is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Arbor Week is the first full week in April.

www.arborday.org

MAY 2018

National Children's Book Week

May 1–7

www.bookweekonline.com

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May 1–31

A time to celebrate the collective accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, who comprise many ethnic groups with diverse backgrounds, histories, languages and cultures.

National Physical Fitness & Sports Month

May 1–31

www.fitness.gov

School Lunch Hero Day

May 4

www.schoolnutrition.org/slhd

Cinco de Mayo

May 5

Anniversary of the Mexican victory over the French army in the Battle of Puebla in 1862. (NOT Mexico's Independence Day, which is September 15–16.)

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6–12

National Teacher Day, May 8

www.nea.org/teacherday

National School Nurse Day

May 9

www.nasn.org

Mother's Day

May 13

Ramadan

Sunset May 16 - June 15

Ramadan is the Islamic holy month during which Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset each day. The holiest period of Islam, it honors the revelation of the Quran.

Anniversary of School Desegregation Ruling

May 17

On this date in 1954, racial segregation in public schools was unanimously ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka*.

Armed Forces Day

May 19

First proclaimed in 1950 to honor men and women in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

National Educational Bosses' Week

May 20–26

www.naeop.org

Memorial Day

May 28

A day of remembrance for those who have died serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

JUNE 2018

Flag Day

June 14

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the U.S. flag by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.

Father's Day

June 17

Juneteenth

June 19

“Juneteenth” commemorates the emancipation of African Americans in Texas in 1865, 2½ years after the Emancipation Proclamation ordered the abolition of slavery.

First Day of Summer

June 21

Planning Ahead: Major Holidays in 2018–19 and 2019–20

2018–19

Independence Day Wednesday, July 4
 Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3
 Possible First Day of School (unconfirmed) Wed., Sept. 5
 Rosh Hashanah Sunday, Sept. 9*
 Yom Kippur Tuesday, Sept. 18*
 Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 6
 Veterans Day Sunday, Nov. 11†
 Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 22
 Christmas Tuesday, Dec. 25
 New Year’s Day Tuesday, Jan. 1
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 21
 Presidents Day Monday, Feb. 18
 Passover Friday, April 19*
 Easter Sunday, April 21
 Ramadan May 5–June 4
 Memorial Day Monday, May 27

2019–20

Independence Day Thursday, July 4
 Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2
 Possible First Day of School (unconfirmed) Wed., Sept. 4
 Rosh Hashanah Sunday, Sept. 29*
 Yom Kippur Tuesday, Oct. 8*
 Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 5
 Veterans Day Monday, Nov. 11
 Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 28
 Christmas Wednesday, Dec. 25
 New Year’s Day Wednesday, Jan. 1
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 20
 Presidents Day Monday, Feb. 17
 Passover Friday, April 8*
 Easter Sunday, April 12
 Ramadan April 23–May 23
 Memorial Day Monday, May 25

*Jewish holidays begin at sunset the evening before the date listed. The first day of the holiday is shown.

†Legal holiday observed on the following Monday.

††Legal holiday observed on the preceding Friday.

Reference: “Resources for Planning the School Calendar 2016–2017”
 Educational Research Service, www.ers.org