

A winter scene illustration featuring a brick house with a red roof and chimney, snow-covered trees, and snowflakes. The scene is set against a blue background with white snow.

January

Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary (Jan 1)

- [The Emancipation Proclamation: Freedom's First Step](#)
- [Free but not Free](#)

Martin Luther King Day (third Monday)

- [The Decades Long Battle for Martin Luther King Jr. Day — Historic America](#)
- [The Best of Our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Resources](#)
- [Going the Extra Mile for MLK Day](#)

World Religion Day (Jan 18)

- [What Is World Religion Day?](#)
- [Baha'is of the United States](#)

UN Holocaust Memorial Day (Jan 27)

- [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)



African American and Black History Month:

- [Center for Racial Justice Black History Month Resource Guide for Educators and Families](#)
- [Teaching the Complete History](#)
- [Teaching Beyond Slavery](#)
- [African American and Black History “On This Day” Ideas](#)

February

Women's History Month

- [Moving Beyond “Famous Firsts”](#)
- [Why Women’s History Month Matters](#)

Read Across America

Traditionally known as a celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday, in [2017 NEA moved from Seuss to focusing on diverse books for Read Across America.](#)

- [Addressing Racism and Dr. Seuss](#)
- [Anti-Racist Alternatives to Seuss](#)
- [How to Choose Anti-Racist Books](#)

Black American Day (Mar 5)

- [What’s the Truth About Crispus Attucks?](#)

Spring Equinox

There are many great celebrations that occur around the [spring equinox](#). Here are some celebrations other than Easter to research and share with students: Holi, Nowruz, Japanese Vernal Equinox Day, Jewish [Passover](#), and [Sham el-Nessim](#).

- [Spring Equinox in Indigenous Cultures](#)
- [Jews and African Americans: Siblings in Oppression?](#)

March

Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day (Mar 7)

Please note, Luther Burbank [advocated for eugenics](#) and held [other racist ideas](#). J. Sterling Morton, the founder of the Arbor Day holiday, was a [vocal anti-abolitionist who held deeply flawed beliefs regarding race and enslavement](#).

- [Inclusive Environmentalism](#)
- [Inclusive Ideas for Birders](#)
- [Environmental Justice](#)

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day (Mar 30)

- [Memories of the Vietnam War](#)

Cesar Chavez Day (Mar 30)

- California Department of Education: [Model Curriculum Grades K-3](#)
- Learning for Justice: [Classroom Resources Grades 3-5](#)
- Learning for Justice: [Classroom Resources Grades 6-8](#)
- [Remembering Cesar Chavez and Farm Workers Week](#)



Arab American Heritage Month

- [Presently Invisible: The Arab Plight in American Classrooms](#)

California Poppy Day (Apr 6)

Consider discussing the history of naming plants in the context of anti-racism.

- [Racism in Taxonomy Whats In a Name](#)
- ['Nice Apples' and Other Problematic Plant Language](#)

Dolores Huerta Day (Apr 10)

- [Delores Huerta Foundation Curriculum](#)

John Muir Day (Apr 21)

- [Sierra Club Grapples with Founder John Muir's Racism](#)

Earth Day (Apr 22)

Consider discussing environmental racism while recognizing April 22 as Earth Day.

- [What is Environmental Racism and How Can We Fight it?](#)
- Elementary: [Culturally Responsive Approach to Earth Day](#)
- Middle/High: [Teaching Environmental Activism](#)

April



May

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

- [Asian American History Curriculum](#)
- [Asian American Pacific Islander \(AAPI\) Heritage Month Resources](#)
- [Humanizing Asian Americans in the Classroom Through Children's Literature](#)
- [I Am Asian American](#)
- [Teaching Untold Stories](#)

Haitian Heritage Month

- [Teach and Learn More About Haiti](#)
- [Haitian Heritage Month](#)
- [Haitian Heritage Museum Blog | The Haitian Heritage Museum \(HHM\)](#)

Jewish American Heritage Month

- [Living the Legacy](#)
- [Primary Source Documents--For Teachers](#)
- [Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History--NMAJH](#)

Labor History Month

- [Labor Matters](#)
- [Looking at Labor](#)
- [Labor Commission on Racial and Economic Justice with Toolkit](#)

International Workers' Day (May 1)

The first of May is a national, [public holiday in many countries](#) across the world, in most cases as "International Workers' Day" but also as Labour Day and May Day.

- [May 1: International Workers Day](#)
- [International History of May Day](#)

Cinco de Mayo (May 5)

- [Rethinking Cinco De Mayo](#)
- [Mexican culture cannot be reduced to tacos, oversized sombreros and piñatas.](#)

Mother's Day (second Sunday)

- [Embracing All Families on Mother's Day](#)
- [Mother's Day Inclusive Books and Activities](#)

Eid ul Fitr

- [Teaching About Ramadan and Eid](#)
- [Learning Activities for the Islamic Festival of Eid-al-Fitr](#)

Day of the Teacher (second Wednesday)

- [Appreciation for My Fellow Teachers](#)
- [Why Schools Need More Teachers of Color—for White Students](#)

World Day for Cultural Diversity (May 21)

- [World Day for Cultural Diversity](#)
- [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development | United Nations](#)

Harvey Milk Day (May 22)

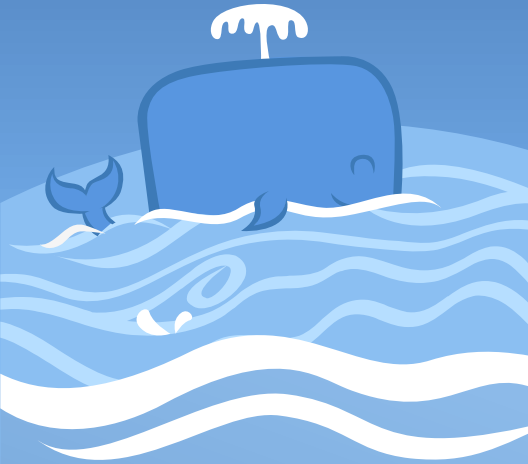
- [Harvey Milk Day Resources](#)
- [Using The Harvey Milk Story in Schools](#)
- [Harvey Milk Day Curricula from California Safe Schools Coalition and Friends](#)

Vesak Day

- [Vesak Day | United Nations](#)
- [Buddhists and Racial Justice: A History](#)
- [Buddha + Black Lives Matter: Racial Justice Toolkit](#)

Memorial Day (last Monday)

- [The Forgotten Black History of How Memorial Day Started](#)
- [The Real Origins of Memorial Day](#)



June

PRIDE Month

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

- [LGBTQ Pride Month and Education Resources](#)
- [MDUSD Resources](#)

The Rainbow Community Center, located online (<https://www.rainbowcc.org>) and in Concord, has been offering support and social opportunities to the LGBTQI+ community since 1995. The RCC offers Community Mental Health services, a houseless transitional youth program, a food pantry, youth and adult programs, and a vast education and training program for community members and educators.

Shavuot

- [9 Things You Didn't Know About Shavuot](#)
- [Shavuot for Black Lives](#)



August

Black August

- [Black August Celebrates the History of Black Resistance in the US](#)

Hiroshima Day (Aug 6)

- [Why Japan? The Racism of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings](#)
- [The Racist Foundations of Nuclear Architecture](#)

Commemoration of Ferguson Uprising (Aug 10)

- [Facing History: Michael Brown](#)
- [Ferguson, USA](#)
- [Talking With Students About Ferguson and Racism](#)
- [Michael Brown is killed by a police officer in Ferguson](#)
- [Facing Ferguson: News Literacy in a Digital Age](#)

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (Aug 9)

- [California Indian History Curriculum and Lesson Plans \(CIHCC\)](#)
- [UNESCO Indigenous Peoples Day NICOA—International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)

19th Amendment (Aug 18)

- [Ain't I a Woman, A Suffrage Story](#)
- [Unsung Voices: Black Women and Their Role In Women's Suffrages](#)

World Humanitarian Day (Aug 19)

- [United Nations: World Humanitarian Day](#)

Commemoration of the First Enslaved Africans Arriving in Virginia 1619 (Aug 20)

- [Resistance to Slavery](#)

Commemoration of Nat Turner Rebellion (Aug 21)

- [Nat Turner, Freedom Fighter](#)
- [How Nat Turner Explained the Slave Rebellion He Led](#)

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

While this date recognizes the abolition of slavery, it's important to note that [modern day slavery](#) exists in the United States and around the world.

- [Resources on Human Trafficking](#)
- [The Atlantic Slave Trade: What Your Textbook Never Told You \(TED Ed Animation, Anthony Hazard\)](#)
- [Who Fought to End Slavery? Meet the Abolitionists \(Zinn Project\)](#)

Women's Equality Day (Aug 26)

- [African American Women Leaders in the Suffrage Movement](#)
- [Jewish Suffragists](#)
- [The Equal Rights Amendment: A 97-Year Struggle](#)

Commemoration of the March on Washington (Aug 28)

- [Social Welfare History Project](#)
- [March on Washington - Black History](#)



September

The End of World War II (Sept 2)

- [Tension in a Peacetime Society](#)
- [Japanese American Incarceration](#)
- [Fighting for the Right to Fight](#)
- [Two Front War](#)

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

- [High Holiday Resources](#)
- [Social Justice: Yom Kippur Activities for Families](#)
- [Jewish Diversity and Innovation: The View from the Kitchen](#)

Labor Day (first Monday)

- [Honoring the Pullman Porters who Helped Bar Discrimination at Work](#)

Adoption of Constitution of the United States (Sept 17)

- [Enslavement in the Constitution](#)
- [How Should We Judge our Nation's Founders?](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15)

Note, debate exists within Latino communities regarding the use of the word Hispanic. [What's the difference between Hispanic, Latino and Latinx?](#)

- [Are You Ready to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month?](#)
- [Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

The French abolish slavery in all their territories (Sept 16)

- [Slavery Remembrance: Museums](#) (search for France)

Mexican Independence Day (Sept 16)

- [Mexican Culture and History through Its National Holidays](#)

International Peace Day (Sept 21)

- [UN Peace Day Activities for Children](#)

Autumn Equinox (Sept 22)

- [Native American Autumn Mythology](#)

California Native American Day (Sept 24)

- [Learn about California Native American Day with music and education](#)
- [Museum of the American Indian- Marin](#)
- [California Indian Museum and Cultural Center](#)
- [Resources - American Indian \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)



October

LGBT+ History Month:

International Lesbian Day (Oct 8)

National Coming Out Day (Oct 11)

International Pronouns Day (Oct 20)

Spirit Day (Oct 21)

LGBTQ Center Awareness Day (Oct 19)

Ace Week formerly Asexual Awareness Week (Oct 24-30)

Intersex Day of Awareness (Oct 26)

- [Teaching LGBTQ History](#)
- [GLSEN Educator Resources](#)

Filipino American History Month

- [Filipino American History Month - California Teachers Association](#)
- [About Filipino American History Month - FANHS](#)

International Day of Non-Violence (Oct 2)

- [United Nations: International Day of Non-Violence](#)
- [Nonviolence: The Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute](#)

Shawnee Native American Chief Tecumseh was killed- (Oct 5)

- [6 Things You May Not Know About Tecumseh](#)
- [Tecumseh \(US National Park Service\)](#)

Navratri and Vijayadashami

- [Is Our Society Ready For A Gender-Sensitised Understanding Of Devi?](#)

Indigenous People Day (Oct 11)

- [Family Action Toolkit](#)
- [Exploring the Native and Indigenous people of the Bay Area](#)

National Stop Bullying Day (Oct 13)

- [The right to be free from racism at school](#)
- [Racial Bullying is Harassment](#)
- [Legal Guidance on Students' Rights](#)

Black Poetry Day (Oct 17)

- [Lift Every Voice | Celebrating African American Poetry](#)
- [Black Poetry](#)
- [Honoring Jupiter Hammon, the First Published African American Poet](#)

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (Oct 17)

- [Teaching about poverty](#)

Milad un-Nabi (Mawlid)

- [Promoting Understanding: Islam](#)
- [Mawlid in Africa](#)

Make a Difference Day (Oct 23)

- [10 Keys to Everyday Anti-Racism](#)
- [Racial Equity Tools](#)

Diwali

- [Diwali in the Classroom: A Parent's Perspective](#)
- [Google Arts and Culture: Diwali at Home Diwali—Festival of Lights](#)

National Immigrants Day (Oct 28)

- [Teaching Immigration](#)
- [Angel Island Immigration Station](#)

American Indian Heritage Month

- [November Is Native American Heritage Month](#)
- [Native American Activism: 1960s to Present](#)
- [Native American Heritage Month](#)

California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month

- [Sikh Coalition](#)

Day of the Dead (Nov 1- 2)

- [Google Arts and Culture: Day of the Dead](#)
- [Day of the Dead \(Día de los Muertos\)](#)
- [Let Dia De Los Muertos Stand on Its Own](#)

Veterans' Day (Nov 11)

- [Veterans Day: 11 LGBTQ Military Heroes](#)
- [National Native American Veterans Memorial](#)
- [Since the Civil War, Asian Americans have served in the military with distinction](#)

World Kindness Day (Nov 13)

- [Teaching Kindness Isn't Enough](#)



November

Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov 20)

- [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)
- [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)
- [On Transgender Day of Remembrance, Remember That Black Trans Lives Matter, Too](#)

National Adoption Day (Nov 23)

- [Adoptee Reading](#) Books written by and recommended by adoptees
- [Out of the Shadows: Adoptive Families Seek to Transform Classroom Strategies](#)
- [What Teachers Should Know About Adoption](#)

National Day of Mourning/ Thanksgiving (Nov 25)

- [Transforming Teaching and Learning About Native Americans](#)
- [Teaching Thanksgiving in a Socially Responsible Way](#)
- [Thanksgiving Mourning Activity](#)
- [6 Thanksgiving Myths and the Wampanoag Side of the Story](#)

Umoja Karamu (Nov 28)

- [Umoja Karamu: The Other Thanksgiving](#)

Chanukah/ Hanukkah

- [Candles in Our Windows](#)
- [A Racial Justice Guide to the Winter Holiday Season for Educators and Families](#)



International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (Dec 2)

- [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery | United Nations](#)

Pearl Harbor Day (Dec 7)

- [Hearing About the Bombing of Pearl Harbor: Akiko Kurose](#)
- [Scapegoating Activity](#)
- [Japanese American Citizens League Resources](#)

Inclusive Schools Week (Dec 7-11)

- [Inclusive Schools Week](#)
- [ISW Activities and Lessons | Inclusive Schools Network](#)
- [Dos and Don'ts with Special Diversity Events](#)

Bodhi Day (Dec 8)

- [Bodhi Day](#)
- [“Something Has to Change”: African Americans in American Buddhism](#)

International Human Rights Day (Dec 10)

- [Illustrated version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)
- [Human Rights Day - Women who shaped the Universal Declaration](#)
- [Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Children and Youth: Activities and games](#)

December

Feast of our Lady Guadalupe (Dec 12)

- [More than a saint, Our Lady of Guadalupe represents Mexican identity | National Catholic Reporter](#)

Bill of Rights Day (Dec 15)

- [Know Your Rights](#)

Winter Solstice (Dec 21)

- [History of Yule](#)
- [The Winter Solstice Lesson Plan](#)
- [Rituals and Traditions about Light: Hopefulness and Waiting](#)

Christmas (Dec 25)

- [Rethinking Winter Holidays](#)
- [Winter Holidays: December Dilemma or Teaching Opportunity?](#)

Kwanzaa

[The Black Candle Film](#)

[Kwanzaa History: The 7 Principles and Meaning Behind Candle Colors](#)

[The Story Of Kwanzaa: From Civil Rights To Corporate America](#)

Boxing Day (Dec 26)

[Should the Black Community Celebrate Boxing Day](#)

Wounded Knee (Dec 29)

[Wounded Knee Massacre Primary Sources](#)