2020-21 List of Local and National Observances and Celebrations*

Days, weeks and months of celebration, appreciation and national observances are provided for your convenience.

September 2020
Sept. 13-19 — National Arts in Education Week
Sept. 8, Tuesday — International Literacy Day
Sept. 11, Friday — Texas First Responders Day / Patriot Day
Sept. 13, Sunday — National Grandparents Day
Sept. 13-19 — Celebrate Freedom Week
Sept. 16, Wednesday — Diez y Seis de Septiembre
Sept. 17, Thursday — Constitution Day
Sept. 17-23 — Constitution Week
Sept. 25 — American Indian Heritage Day

October 2020
October — National Bullying Prevention and National Principals’ Month
Oct. 2, Friday — Maintenance and Custodian Appreciation Day
Oct. 4-10 — National Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 5, Monday — Child Health Day
Oct. 7, Wednesday — International Walk to School Day
Oct. 12-16 — National School Lunch Week
Oct. 16, Friday — National Boss’ Day
Oct. 19-23 — National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 23-31 — National Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 24, Saturday — Make-a-Difference Day

November 2020
Nov. 3, Tuesday – Father of Texas Day
Nov. 9-13 – School Psychology Appreciation Week
Nov. 11, Wednesday — Veterans’ Day
Nov. 16-20 — American Education Week
Nov. 18, Wednesday — Educational Support Professionals’ Day

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Nov. 19, Thursday — National Parent Involvement Day

Nov. 20, Friday — Substitute Educators’ Day

December 2020
Dec. 7-11 — National Inclusive Schools Week

January 2021
January — School Board Appreciation Month and National Mentoring Month
Jan. 6, Wednesday – Sam Rayburn Day
Jan. 11-15 – Plano ISD College & Career Week
Jan. 18, Monday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 25-29 – Holocaust Remembrance Week
Jan. 28, Thursday – Christa McAuliffe Day

February 2021
Feb. 1-5 — National School Counseling Week
Feb. 15, Monday – President’s Day
Feb. 17, Wednesday — National PTA Founders Day
Feb. 20-27 — National FFA Week
Feb. 22-26 – Public Schools Week

March 2021
March — National Nutrition Month; Social Work Month; National Music in Our Schools Month; Theatre in our Schools Month; and Youth Art Month; National Nutrition Month
Mar. 1, Monday – Texas Girls in STEM Day
Mar. 2, Tuesday — NEA’s Read across America Day
Mar. 2, Tuesday – Texas Independence Day
Mar. 2, Tuesday – State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day
Mar. 2-6 — National School Breakfast Week
Mar. 3-7 – National School Counseling Week
Mar. 6, Saturday – Alamo Memorial Day
Mar. 31, Wednesday – Cesar Chavez Day
April 2021
April — School Library Month, World Autism Awareness Month
Apr. 2, Friday — International Children’s Book Day
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Apr. 5-9 — National Assistant Principals Week
Apr. 5-9 — National Library Week
Apr. 6, Tuesday — National Librarian Appreciation Day
Apr. 18-24 — Administrative Professionals Week
Apr. 18-24 — National Student Leadership Week
Apr. 19-23 — Public School Volunteer Week
Apr. 21, Wednesday – San Jacinto Day
Apr. 22, Thursday — Earth Day

May 2021
May — National Physical Fitness Month and Sport Month
May 1-7 — National Physical Education and Sport Week
May 3-7 — National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3-7 — Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3-7 — National Children’s Book Week
May 4, Tuesday — National Teacher Appreciation Day
May 5, Wednesday – Cinco de Mayo
May 5, Wednesday — National Bike to School Day
May 7, Friday – School Lunch Hero Day
May 9, Sunday – Mothers’ Day
May 9, Sunday – Willie Velazquez Day
May 12, Wednesday — National School Nurse Day
May 12, Wednesday – Public School Paraprofessional Day
May 15, Saturday – Armed Forces Day
May 31, Monday – Memorial Day

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June 2021
June 14, Monday – Flag Day
June 19, Saturday – Emancipation Day
June 20, Sunday – Father’s Day