



Department of **Language,
Culture & Equity**
POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PSD Observances/Events

This resource supplements the school calendar to ensure students, staff, families and community members are aware of some of the wonderful, diverse traditions celebrated across Poudre School District. Language for events and expectations in this chart was gathered from PSD stakeholders who hold the identities represented in each observance/event. Please make sure your school and/or department ensure that the “expectations” column is honored.

Please click [HERE](#) for additional observances/events such as [Buddhist](#), [Sikh](#) ([and](#)), [Bahá'í](#), etc..

Observance/Event*	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Expectation(s)*
Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown on the first day listed) Common wish: Shanah Tovah (Happy New Year).	September 25 - 27	September 15 - 17	October 2 - 4	September 22 - 24	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.

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Yom Kippur (begins at sundown on the first day listed) Common greetings: , Yom Tov (good day), or May You Have a Meaningful Fast.	October 4 - 5	September 24 - 25	October 11 - 12	October 1 - 2	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.
Diwali	October 24	November 12	November 1	October 20	None at this time
Chanukah/ Hanukkah Common greeting: Chag Sameach (happy holiday)	December 18 - 26	December 7 - 15	December 25 - January 2	December 14-22	None at this time
Christmas	December 25	December 25	December 25	December 25	None at this time
Ash Wednesday	February 22	February 14	March 5	February 18	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.
Ramadan Common wish: Ramadan Mubarak (Mubarak=blessed)	March 22 - April 21	March 10 - April 9	February 28 - March 30	February 17 - March 18	Be mindful of students observing Ramadan (fasting from about two hours before the sun rises to sun down including no water, gum, mints, etc.) by avoiding food parties where some children

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					<p>may not be able to participate. Teachers AND staff should be aware that some students may begin to fade/have other side effects in the afternoon because they are fasting. Do not offer students food or drink. Being supportive is best. Saying things such as good job, you are doing great, you can do it. This will provide added support and affirmation for students.</p>

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Passover (begins at sundown on the first day listed)	April 5 - 13	April 22 - 30	April 12 - 20	April 1 - 9	<p>Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc. after school on the first day listed and during school the two days following. Students and staff may also miss the last two days of Passover. (Example: For 2023-2024 important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc. should not be scheduled beginning after school on April 22 and at all on April 23,24, 29 and 30.)</p> <p>During Passover students and staff do not eat leavened food. (EX: Bread, pasta, cake, cookies)</p> <p>Have alternative food options available.</p>
Good Friday	April 7	March 29	April 18	April 3	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.

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Easter	April 9	March 31	April 20	April 5	Students and staff may travel this weekend, do not schedule events.
Eid Al-Fitr Feast of the breaking of the fast (celebration for the end of Ramadan; begins at sundown on the first day listed) Common wish: Eid Mubarak (Mubarak=blessed)	April 21 - 22	April 9 - 10	March 30 - 31	March 19 - 20	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.
Eid al Adha Common Greeting: Happy Eid	June 28 - 29	June 16 - 17	June 6 - 7	May 26 - 27	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.

*We are collecting additional information from the Hindu, Buddhist, and Orthodox Christian communities and will update this document once that information is gathered.



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Multi-Cultural Events and Awareness Months

(This section is always a work in progress.)

Go to websites for lessons, activities, and general information:

- [National Archives: Educator Resources](#)
- [Smithsonian Educator Resources](#)
- [Learning for Justice](#)
- [GLSEN](#)
- [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [Colorin Colorado](#)
- [Lee and Low Books](#)
- [Teaching for Change](#)

Event	Month/Date	General Information and/or Educational Resources
Women's Equality Day	August 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ American Women's History Museum ❖ Women of Color and the Fight for Women's Suffrage
Labor Day (1st Monday)	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Who Invented Labor Day
Suicide Prevention Month	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National Suicide Prevention Month ❖ PSD's Mental Health Services Page
Hispanic Heritage Month	Sept. 15 - October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National Hispanic Heritage Month ❖ National Museum of the American Latino ❖ Hispanic Heritage Month Resources ❖ Museo de las Tres Colonias, Fort Collins ❖ 9 Must-Read Children's Books for National Hispanic Heritage Month
Indigenous People's Day	October (Second Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day All Year Long ❖ Native Knowledge 360° ❖ Indigenous Peoples' Day - Transformative Teaching (workshop) ❖ Rethinking Columbus: The Next 500 Years ❖ It's OK to Take Up Space: Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day Teaching the Truth about Native American History
LGBT+ History Month	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ LGBT History Month

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Creating Supportive and Affirming School Environments ❖ LGBTQ History ❖ LGBTQ+ Coloradoans ❖ Gender and Sexual Identity
Blindness Awareness Month (Added for 2023)	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH -October 2023 - National Today ❖ “Hands on” Reading in Florida Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Blog ❖ Diabetes and the Eyes Educational Toolkit - Prevent Blindness (HS level, Science/Health Content)
Bullying Prevention Month (Added for 2023)	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ❖ PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center ❖ Elementary Books for National Bullying Prevention Month ❖ Secondary Books for National Bullying Prevention Month
Coming Out Day	October 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Gay, Lesbian & Straight Educator Network (GLSEN) ❖ Coming Out: A Resource for Students
Halloween	October 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Culture, Not A Costume
Homeless Youth Awareness Month	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National Network for Youth ❖ Facing Homelessness Lesson
Native American/ National American Indian	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Native American Heritage Month ❖ National Museum of the American Indian ❖ Native Knowledge 360°

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Heritage Month		❖ Native American Heritage Month Celebrates Indigenous Communities
Dia de Muertos	November 1 - November 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Let Día de los Muertos Stand on Its Own ❖ Day of the Dead Resources ❖ Dia de Muertos, Everyday Learning
Veteran's Day	November 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ U.S Department of Veterans Affairs ❖ Veterans Day in the Classroom
Transgender Day of Remembrance	November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Transgender Day of Remembrance ❖ GSA Network.
Thanksgiving	November (Fourth Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What Really Happened at the First Thanksgiving: The Wampanoag Side of the Tale ❖ A Wampanoag Retelling of Thanksgiving (video/ start at 8:00) ❖ Do American Indians Celebrate Thanksgiving? ❖ The Invention of Thanksgiving (video) ❖ Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz on Thanksgiving (video)
Kwanzaa	December 26 - January 1	❖ Kwanzaa
Dr. Martin Luther King Day	January (Third Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The King Center ❖ The Best of Our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Resources from Learning for Justice ❖ Smithsonian MLK Lesson

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Classroom Resources for Dr. King Day broken down by grade level ❖ PBS MLK Classroom Resources
Holocaust Remembrance Day	January 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (main); Lessons ❖ PBS, Holocaust Remembrance Day ❖ Why We Remember the Holocaust (video)
Black History Month	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 2023 Black History Month; Limited information for 2024 ❖ Kids NatGeo BHM ❖ Digital Resource Guide National Museum of African American History and Culture (All grade levels) ❖ Reading Resources National Museum of African American History and Culture (3rd-12th grade book lists spanning various eras during AA history) ❖ BHM Picture Books
Women's History Month	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Women's History Month ❖ Unladylike 2020 Lesson Plans (middle and high school) ❖ National Endowment for the Humanities: Women's History in the US ❖ Women and Art ❖ Equal Pay Day Calendar ❖ Women's History Month Children's Books and Young Adult Books
Neurodiversity Week	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Neurodiversity Celebration Week

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Cesar Chavez Day	March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cesar Chavez Proclamation ❖ Lessons from Colorin Colorado ❖ Cesar Chavez Educator Toolkit
International Transgender Day of Visibility (ITDOV)	March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Supporting Trans and GNC Students GLSEN ❖ Transgender Day of Visibility - GLAAD ❖ LGBTQ+ History Cards Extended Biographies GLSEN ❖ Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Young People The Trevor Project
Arab American Heritage Month	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National Arab American Heritage Month (Arab AmericaFoundation) ❖ Arab American National Museum ❖ 13 Ways To Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month. ❖ Children’s Books by Arab American Authour and Illustrators ❖ Teaching for Change Booklists: Arabs and Arab Americans
Autism Acceptance Month	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Organization for Autism Research
Deaf History Month (Added for 2024)	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ American Society for Deaf Children
National Bilingual	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PSD English Language Development Guidebook ❖ Welcoming and Supporting Dual Language Learners

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Multicultural Learner Advocacy (Added for 2024)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition
Mental Health Awareness Month	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mental Health Awareness Month ❖ PSD Mental Health Services and Suicide Prevention ❖ PSD Wellness Program
AAPI Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Asian Pacific Heritage Month ❖ The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center ❖ Federal Asian Pacific American Council ❖ Children’s Books to Celebrate AAPI Month ❖ Teaching for Change Booklist: Asian Americans and Asia ❖ Talk Story’s Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Book Collection
Jewish American Heritage Month	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jewish American Heritage Month ❖ The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History
Cinco de Mayo	May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is Cinco de Mayo? ❖ The Real history of Cinco de Mayo Smithsonian Institution ❖ TED-ED - The Real History of Cinco de Mayo ❖ Elementary Classroom Craft Activities
Memorial Day	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Memorial Day

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	(Last Monday)	❖ Memorial Day Lesson Ideas NEA
Pride Month	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ADL LGBTQ Pride Month Resources ❖ Youth.Gov Pride Month Resources ❖ CDE Trans Youth Education & Support) of Colorado
Juneteenth	June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture Juneteenth ❖ PBS For Parents Juneteenth Resources ❖ National Geographic Juneteenth Resources
Independence Day	July 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Smithsonian's History Explorer from the American History Museum ❖ Honor the Fourth of July With a Commitment to Democracy Learning for Justice ❖ Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Patriotic 4th of July Resources