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**  

**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
DATE: TBD
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

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

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Reference: “Resources for Planning the School Calendar 2016–2017”