



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*	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	Expectation(s)*
Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown on the first day listed)  Common wish: <a href="#">Shanah Tovah</a> (Happy New Year).	September 15 - 17	October 2 - 4	September 22 - 24	September 11 - 13	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: , <a href="#">Yom Tov</a> (good day), or May You Have a Meaningful Fast.	September 24 - 25	October 11 - 12	October 1 - 2	September 20 - 21	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.
Diwali	November 12	November 1	October 20	November 8	None at this time
Chanukah/ Hanukkah  Common greeting: <a href="#">Chag Sameach</a> (happy holiday)	December 7 - 15	December 25 - January 2	December 14-22	December 4 - 12	None at this time
Christmas	December 25	December 25	December 25	December 25	None at this time
Ash Wednesday	February 14	March 5	February 18	February 10	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.
Ramadan ( <a href="#">May start one or two days earlier/later depending on the sighting of the crescent moon.</a> )  Common wish: <a href="#">Ramadan Mubarak</a> (Mubarak=blessed)	March 10 - April 9	February 28 - March 30	February 17 - March 18	February 7 - March 8	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

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					<p>children 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 22 - 30	April 12 - 20	April 1 - 9	April 21 - 29	<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 <a href="#">leavened food</a> (EX: Bread, pasta, cake, cookies).</p> <p>Have alternative food options available.</p>
Good Friday	March 29	April 18	April 3	March 26	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.

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Easter	March 31	April 20	April 5	March 28	Students and staff may travel this weekend, do not schedule events.
<a href="#">Eid Al-Fitr</a> (May start one or two days earlier/later depending on the sighting of the crescent moon.)  Feast of the breaking of the fast (celebration for the end of Ramadan; begins at sundown on the first day listed)  Common wish: <a href="#">Eid Mubarak</a> (Mubarak=blessed)	April 9 - 10	March 30 - 31	March 19 - 20	March 9 - 10	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.
<a href="#">Eid al Adha</a>  Common Greeting: Happy <a href="#">Eid</a>	June 16 - 17	June 6 - 7	May 26 - 27	May 16 - 17	Do not schedule important events, assignments, test reviews, tests, etc.

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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](#)

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Women's Equality Day	August 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">American Women's History Museum</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Women of Color and the Fight for Women's Suffrage</a></li> </ul>
Labor Day	September (1st Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Who Invented Labor Day</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Suicide Prevention Month</a>	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Suicide Prevention Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">PSD's Mental Health Services Page</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Hispanic Heritage Month</a>	Sept. 15 - October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Hispanic Heritage Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Museum of the American Latino</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Hispanic Heritage Month Resources</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Museo de las Tres Colonias, Fort Collins</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Bullying Prevention Month</a>	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Elementary Books for National Bullying Prevention Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Secondary Books for National Bullying Prevention Month</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">LGBTQIA+ History Month</a>	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">LGBT History Month Books for National Bullying Prevention Month - Penguin Random House Secondary Education</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Creating Supportive and Affirming School Environments</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">LGBTQ History</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">LGBTQ+ Coloradoans</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Gender and Sexual Identity</a></li> </ul>
Indigenous People's Day	October (Second Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day All Year Long</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Native Knowledge 360°</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Rethinking Columbus: The Next 500 Years</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">It's OK to Take Up Space; Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' DayTeaching the Truth about Native American History</a></li> </ul>

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Coming Out Day	October 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Gay, Lesbian &amp; Straight Educator Network (GLSEN)</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Coming Out: A Resource for Students</a></li> </ul>
Halloween	October 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">A Culture, Not A Costume</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Homeless Youth Awareness Month</a>	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Network for Youth</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Facing Homelessness Lesson</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Native American/ National American Indian Heritage Month</a>	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Native American Heritage Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Museum of the American Indian</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Native Knowledge 360°</a></li> </ul>
Dia de Muertos	November 1 - November 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Let Día de los Muertos Stand on Its Own</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Day of the Dead Resources</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Dia de Muertos, Everyday Learning</a></li> </ul>
Veteran's Day	November 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">U.S Department of Veterans Affairs</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Veterans Day in the Classroom</a></li> </ul>
Transgender Day of Remembrance	November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Transgender Day of Remembrance</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">GSA Network.</a></li> </ul>
Thanksgiving	November (Fourth Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Do American Indians Celebrate Thanksgiving?</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">The Invention of Thanksgiving (video)</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz on Thanksgiving (video)</a></li> </ul>
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Anniversary (Added for 2024)	November 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">What is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)?</a></li> </ul>

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Kwanzaa	December 26 - January 1	❖ <a href="#">Kwanzaa</a>
<a href="#">Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</a>	January (Third Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">The King Center</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">The Best of Our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Resources from Learning for Justice</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Smithsonian MLK Lesson</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Classroom Resources for Dr. King Day broken down by grade level</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">PBS MLK Classroom Resources</a></li> </ul>
Holocaust Remembrance Day	January 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</a> (main); <a href="#">Lessons</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">PBS, Holocaust Remembrance Day</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Why We Remember the Holocaust</a> (video)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Black History Month</a>	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">2024 Black History Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Kids NatGeo BHM</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Digital Resource Guide   National Museum of African American History and Culture</a> (All grade levels)</li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Reading Resources   National Museum of African American History and Culture</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">BHM Picture Books</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Women's History Month</a>	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Women's History Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Unladylike 2020 Lesson Plans (middle and high school)</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Endowment for the Humanities Women and Art</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Equal Pay Day Calendar</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Women's History Month Children's Books</a> and <a href="#">Young Adult Books</a></li> </ul>

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Cesar Chavez Day	March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Cesar Chavez Proclamation</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Lessons from Colorin Colorado</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Cesar Chavez Educator Toolkit</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Transgender Day of Visibility</a>	March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Supporting Trans and GNC Students   GLSEN</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Transgender Day of Visibility - GLAAD</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">LGBTQ+ History Cards Extended Biographies   GLSEN</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Young People   The Trevor Project</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Arab American Heritage Month</a>	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Arab American Heritage Month (Arab AmericaFoundation)</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Arab American National Museum</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">13 Ways To Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month.</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Children’s Books by Arab American Authour and Illustrators</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Teaching for Change Booklists: Arabs and Arab Americans</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">National Bilingual Multicultural Learner Advocacy</a>	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">PSD English Language Development Guidebook</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Welcoming and Supporting Dual Language Learners</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition</a></li> </ul>
Exceptional Children’s Week (Added for 2025)	April 13-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Everyone’s a Helper</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month</a>	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Asian Pacific Heritage Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Federal Asian Pacific American Council</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Children’s Books to Celebrate AAPI Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Teaching for Change Booklist: Asian Americans and Asia</a></li> </ul>

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<a href="#">Jewish American Heritage Month</a>	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Jewish American Heritage Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Mental Health Awareness Month</a>	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Mental Health Awareness Month</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">PSD Mental and Behavioral Health Resources</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">PSD Wellness Program</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Military Appreciation Month</a>	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Smithsonian Military Appreciation Month Resources</a></li> </ul>
Cinco de Mayo	May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">What is Cinco de Mayo?</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">The Real history of Cinco de Mayo   Smithsonian Institution</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">TED-ED - The Real History of Cinco de Mayo</a></li> </ul>
Memorial Day	May (Last Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Memorial Day</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Memorial Day Lesson Ideas   NEA</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Juneteenth</a>	June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture Juneteenth</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">PBS For Parents Juneteenth Resources</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">National Geographic Juneteenth Resources</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Pride Month</a>	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">ADL LGBTQ Pride Month Resources</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Youth.Gov Pride Month Resources</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">CDE Trans Youth Education &amp; Support) of Colorado</a></li> </ul>
Independence Day	July 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Smithsonian's History Explorer from the American History Museum</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Honor the Fourth of July With a Commitment to Democracy   Learning for Justice</a></li> <li>❖ <a href="#">Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Patriotic 4th of July Resources</a></li> </ul>

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