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Key 2005-2006 Dates for School Calendars

Here are some special days you might want to note on your 2005-2006 school year calendar or take into consideration as you establish programs for next year. They are taken from Resources for Planning the School Calendar, published by the Educational Research Service, 2000 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201. The price is \$36.

2005

<u>Date</u>	<u>Observance/Holiday</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observance/Holiday</u>
Sept. 1-30	Library Card Sign-Up Month	Oct. 9-15	Nat'l Metric Week
Sept. 5	Labor Day	Oct. 10-14	Nat'l School Lunch Week
Sept. 8	Internat'l Literacy Day	Oct. 10	Canadian Thanksgiving
Sept. 11	Grandparents' Day	Oct. 10	Columbus Day
Sept. 15 - Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month	Oct. 13	Yom Kippur*
Sept. 15-16	Mexican Independence Days	Oct. 16	World Food Day
Sept. 16	Mayflower Day	Oct. 16-22	Nat'l School Bus Safety Week
Sept. 17-23	Constitution Week	Oct. 16-22	America's Safe Schools Week
Sept. 17	Citizenship Day	Oct. 22	Make a Difference Day
Sept. 21	Internat'l Day of Peace	Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)
Sept. 22	First Day of Autumn	Oct. 24	United Nations Day
Sept. 25	Nat'l Good Neighbor Day	Oct. 30	Standard Time
Oct. 1-31	Crime Prevention Month	Oct. 31	Halloween
Oct. 1-31	Computer Learning Month®	Nov. 1-30	American Indian Heritage Month
Oct. 1-31	German American Heritage Month	Nov. 3	Id al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)
Oct. 1-31	Czech Heritage Month	Nov. 8	Election Day
Oct. 1-31	Italian American Heritage and Culture Month	Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Oct. 1-31	Polish American Heritage Month	Nov. 13-19	American Education Week
Oct. 1-31	UNICEF Month	Nov. 14-20	Youth Appreciation Week
Oct. 4-5	Rosh Hashanah*	Nov. 14-20	Nat'l Children's Book Week
Oct. 4	Ramadan, First Day	Nov. 16	Nat'l Education Support Professionals Day
Oct. 6	German American Heritage Day	Nov. 17	Nat'l Parental Involvement Day
Oct. 9-15	Fire Prevention Week	Nov. 19	Gettysburg Address Anniversary
Oct. 9-15	NAEOP Career Awareness Week		(Over)

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Date	Observance/Holiday	Date	Observance/Holiday
Nov. 20-26	Nat'l Family Week		
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day		
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day		
Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day		
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day		
Dec. 15	Bill of Rights Day		
Dec. 21	First Day of Winter		
Dec. 25	Christmas		
Dec.26- Jan. 2	Hanukkah*		
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	Kwanzaa (an African- American Festival)		

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Jan. 1	New Year's Day	Mar. 1-31	Nat'l Women's History Month
Jan. 1-31	School Board Recognition Month	Mar. 1-31	Youth Art Month
Jan. 1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary	Mar. 1-31	Nat'l Middle Level Education Month
Jan. 10	Id al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)	Mar. 1-31	Nat'l Social Work Month
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Mar. 1	Ash Wednesday
		Mar. 1-15	Lent
Feb. 1-28	Black History Month	Mar. 6-10	Nat'l School Breakfast Week
Feb. 1-28	Nat'l Children's Dental Health Month	Mar. 8	Internat'l Women's Day
Feb. 1	Nat'l Freedom Day	Mar. 11	Johnny Appleseed Day
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day	Mar. 13-17	Classified Employees Week (Washington)
Feb. 6-10	Nat'l School Counseling Week	Mar. 16	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®
Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day
Feb. 14	St. Valentine's Day	Mar. 19-25	Nat'l Agriculture Week
Feb. 17	PTA Founders Day	Mar. 19-25	Nat'l Poison Prevention Week
Feb. 18-25	Nat'l FFA Week	Mar. 20	First Day of Spring
Feb. 20	Presidents' Day	Mar. 21	Internat'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Feb. 22	George Washington's Birthday		
Mar. 1-31	American Red Cross Month	Apr. 1-30	Keep America Beautiful Month
Mar. 1-31	Irish American Heritage Month	Apr. 1	April Fools' Day
Mar. 1-31	Music in Our Schools Month	Apr. 2	Internat'l Children's Book Day
Mar. 1-31	Nat'l Mental Retardation Month	Apr. 2	Daylight Savings Time
Mar. 1-31	Nat'l Nutrition Month®	Apr. 2-8	Nat'l Library Week
		Apr. 2-8	Week of the Young Child (More)

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Apr. 7	World Health Day	June 1 - July 4	Fireworks Safety Month
Apr. 12	Arbor Day (Washington)	June 5	World Environment Day
Apr. 13-14	Passover* (First Days)	June 11	Race Unity Day
Apr. 14	Good Friday	June 14	Flag Day
Apr. 16	Easter	June 16	Day of the African Child
Apr. 16-22	Nat'l Student Leadership Week	June 18	Father's Day
Apr. 16-22	Public School Volunteer Week	June 21	First Day of Summer
Apr. 19-20	Passover* (Concluding Days)		
Apr. 22	Earth Day		
Apr. 23-29	Administrative Professionals Week		
Apr. 25	Holocaust Remembrance Day*		
Apr. 27	Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day		
Apr. 28	Nat'l Arbor Day		
May 1-31	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month		
May 1-31	Nat'l Sight-Saving Month		
May 1-31	Better Hearing and Speech Month		
May 1-31	Nat'l Physical Fitness and Sports Month		
May 1	Law Day		
May 3	World Press Freedom Day		
May 4	Horace Mann's Birthday		
May 5	Cinco de Mayo		
May 7-13	Be Kind to Animals Week		
May 7-13	Teacher Appreciation Week		
May 7-14	Nat'l Music Week		
May 8-14	Respect for Law Week		
May 8	World Red Cross Day		
May 9	Nat'l Teacher Day		
May 10	Nat'l School Nurse Day		
May 13	Day of Non-Violence		
May 14	Mother's Day		
May 14-20	Reading is Fun Week		
May 20	Armed Forces Day		
May 21-27	Nat'l Educational Bosses Week		
May 22	Victoria Day (Canada)		
May 29	Memorial Day		
May 31	World No-Tobacco Day		

*Begins at sunset on the preceding day.