UNIS Cultural Calendar

Academic Year 2025-2026

UNIS 2025-2026 Cultural Calendar Overview

Purpose

This calendar, designed by Alcy Leyva (Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging) using the foundational work created of Savannah Rowe (Grace Church School), for the United Nations International School, highlights both essential school dates and global cultural observances. Its purpose is to celebrate and reflect the rich diversity of our international community, acknowledging the many cultures, traditions, and histories of the families who make up our school. By recognizing these dates, we aim to foster a sense of belonging and mutual respect among students, staff, and families, reinforcing UNIS's mission to educate compassionate global citizens.

This calendar serves not only as a planning tool but also as a reflection of our commitment to inclusivity, cultural understanding, and creating a school environment where every community member feels seen, valued, and connected to the broader world.

Event Types Legend

🔵 **UNIS Celebration** - UNIS Education Departments (MLD, Science, Humanities, etc.) and administration will create programming for the community in conjunction with the celebration.

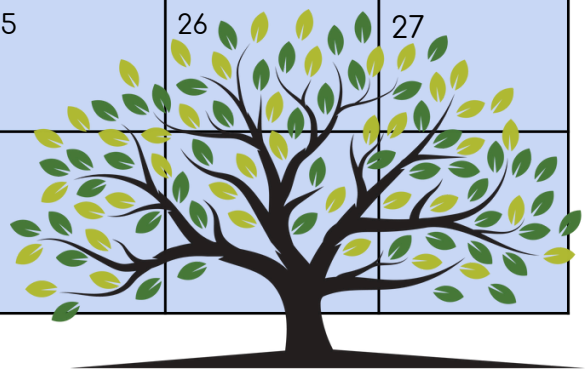
🟡 Community Event (UNIS Clubs)- Student representatives from the community, in conjunction with the Department of DEIB, will lead their designated clubs in programming for the UNIS Community.

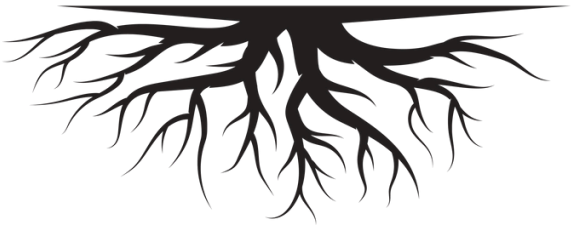
⚪ **Cultural Observance (with resources)**-While UNIS is not directly celebrating this cultural event, the DEIB Office has created resources for students, staff, and families to observe the cultural day in ways that foster understanding, respect, and connection to the diverse communities represented at our school.

🟢 **Learning Resource**- A learning activity provides supplemental resources that are created to provide quick access to ideas that help teachers foster meaningful discussions and strengthen community.

SEPTEMBER 2025 Theme- Learning from Our Roots

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hispanic Heritage Month September 5 – International Day of Charity September 8 – International Literacy Day September 15 – International Day of Democracy September 21 – International Day of Sign Languages September 23 – Bi Visibility Day September 29 – International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste		1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8 International Literacy Day	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16 Mexican Independence Day	17	18	19	20
Event Type • UNIS Celebration • Cultural Observance (with resources) • Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • Learning Resource	21 (JS) International Peace Day	22 Rosh Hashanah	23	24	25	26	27
	28	**29**	**30**				



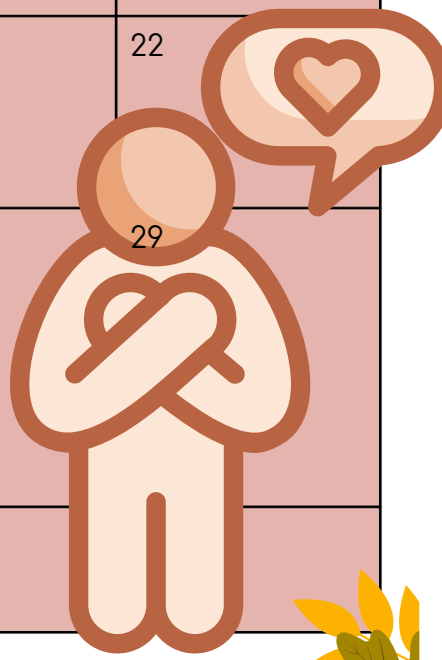


OCTOBER 2025 Theme- Celebrating Culture and Courage

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Filipino American History Month Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 1: International Day of Older Persons October 2- International Day of Non-Violence October 5- World Teachers' Day October 11: National Coming Out Day October 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty October 20th- Diwali				1	2 Yom Kippur	3	4
	5 World Teachers' Day	6	7	8	9 Hanguel Day	10 World Mental Health Day	11
	12	13 Indigenous Peoples' Day	14	15	16 Diwali Celebration	17 UN DAY CELEBRATION	18
Event Type • UNIS Celebration • Cultural Observance (with resources) • Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • Learning Resource	19	20	21	22	23		25
	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween International Celebration (JS)	Dia de los Muertos

NOVEMBER 2025 Theme- Giving Thanks, Giving Back

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Native American Heritage Month Military Family Month National Adoption Month Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Transgender Awareness Week (13-19)							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10 ⚪ World Science Day for Peace	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
Event Type • 🔵 UNIS Celebration • ⚪ Cultural Observance (with resources) • 🟡 Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • 🟢 Learning Resource	16 ⚪ International Day for Tolerance	17	18	19	20 ⚪ Universal Children's Day	21	22
	23	24	25 🟢 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26	27 ⚪ Thanksgiving	28	29
	30						



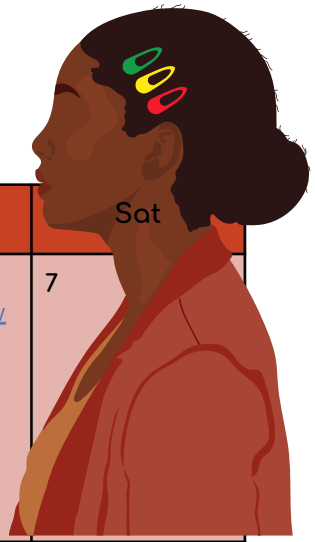
DECEMBER 2025 Theme- Light and Reflection

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Universal Human Rights Month December 1- World AIDS Day December 2- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery December 18- International Migrants Day		1	2	3 ⚪ International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10 ⚪ Human Rights Day	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18 ⚪ First Day of Hanukkah	19	20
Event Type • 🔵 UNIS Celebration ⚪ Cultural • Observance (with resources) • 🟡 Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • 🟢 Learning Resource	21	22	23	24	25 ⚪ Christmas	26 ⚪ First day of Kwanzaa	27
	28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2026 Theme- New Year, Shared Vision

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 19- World Religion Day January 24- International Day of Education January 26- International Customs Day					1 New Year's Day	2	3
	4 🟢 International Braille Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13 ⚪ Korean American Day	14	15	16	17
Event Type • 🔵 UNIS Celebration • ⚪ Cultural Observance (with resources) • 🟡 Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • 🟢 Learning Resource	18	19 🟢 MLK Day	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27 ⚪ International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29	30	31

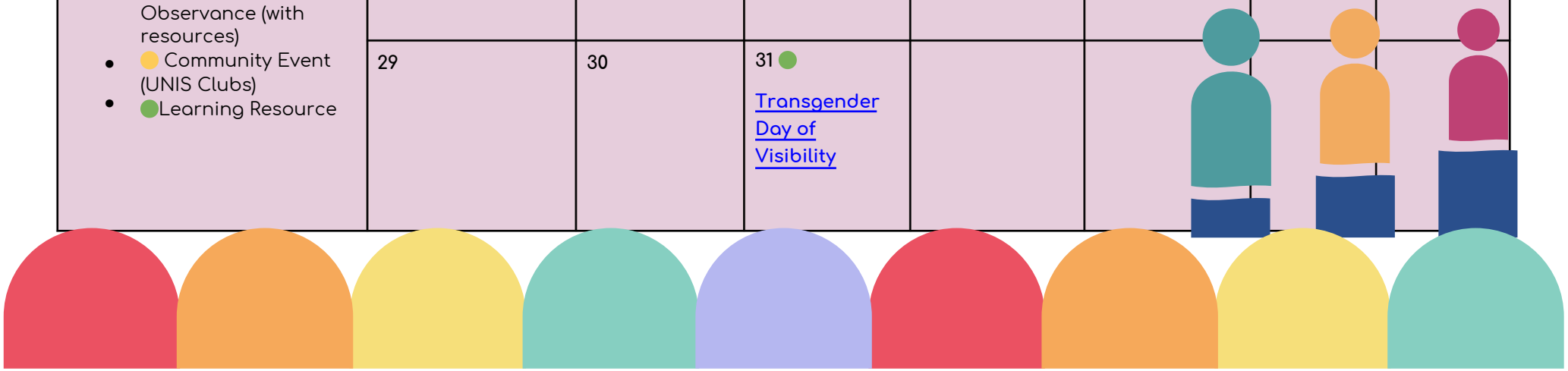
FEBRUARY 2026 Theme- Voices of Change



ImportantDates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Black History Month February 4- World Cancer Day February 18- Ash Wednesday February 17- Random Acts of Kindness Day	1 National Freedom Day Start of Black History Month	2	3	4 National Girls and Women In Sports Day	5	6 Lunar New Year	7
	8	9	10	11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18 Ramadan Starts	19	20 World Day of Social Justice	21 International Mother Language Day
Event Type • UNIS Celebration • Cultural Observance (with resources) • Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • Learning Resource	22	23	24	25 African American Scientist and Inventor Day	26	27	28

MARCH 2026 Theme- Equity in Action

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Women's History Month Irish- American Heritage Month Greek-American Heritage Month March 15- International Day to Combat Islamophobia	1 🟢 First Day of Women's History Month	2	3 🟢 Holi	4	5	6	7
	8 ⚪ International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19 ⚪ Eid Al Fitr	20	21
Event Type • 🔵 UNIS Celebration • ⚪ Cultural Observance (with resources) • 🟡 Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • 🟢 Learning Resource	22	23	24	25	26 ⚪ Eid Al Adha	27	28
	29	30	31 🟢 Transgender Day of Visibility				



APRIL 2026

Theme- Planet, Peace, and Possibility

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Arab-American Heritage Month National Volunteer Month Poetry Month National Volunteer Month April 21- World Creativity and Innovation Day April 30- International Jazz Day				1	2 World Autism Awareness Day	3 Passover	4
	5 Easter Sunday	6 International Day of Sport for Development	7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Event Type • UNIS Celebration • Cultural Observance (with resources) • Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • Learning Resource	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		

MAY 2026 Theme-Community in Bloom

ImportantDates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month Jewish American Heritage Month May 5- National Teacher Appreciation Day May 6- National Nurses Day May 12- International Women in Math						1 International Workers' Day	2
	3 World Press Freedom Day	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Native American Day	9
	10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15 International Day of Families	16
Event Type • UNIS Celebration • Cultural Observance (with resources) • Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • Learning Resource	17	18	19	20	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity	22 International Day for Biological Diversity 29	23
	24	25 Memorial Day (US Recognition)	26	27	28	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	30
	31						

JUNE 2026 Theme- Unity in Diversity

Important Dates	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pride Month June 16- Islamic New Year June 23- International Women in Engineering Day		1 First Day of Caribbean-American Heritage Month	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth Freedom Day	20 World Refugee Day
Event Type • UNIS Celebration • Cultural Observance (with resources) • Community Event (UNIS Clubs) • Learning Resource	21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				