

Natomas Unified School District

2026

CALENDAR OF RECOGNITIONS AND CULTURAL AWARENESS

In support of our Core Value - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the following draft calendar has been developed based on recommendations from CDE, benchmarking of other districts with similar populations as Natomas, and input/feedback from our staff, students, and families. It's provided to staff to help with selection and preparation of recognitions that make for an inclusive and supportive environment. The Communications and Family Engagement Department manages the calendar and can be reached at communications@natomasunified.org.

January 2026		
<p>National Mentoring Month focuses national attention on increasing the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for our young people. www.mentoring.org</p> <p>National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month Human trafficking is a crime in which force, fraud or coercion is used to compel a person to perform labor, services, or commercial sex. It affects all populations: adults, children, men, women, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, and all economic classes.</p> <p>National Braille Literacy Month honors Loise Braille, who developed the Braille code over 200 years ago.</p>		
December 22- January 2	Winter Recess NUSD Closed	<i>School Resumes January 5, 2026</i>
January 1 Schools closed	New Year's Day Ed Code 37220	The federal holiday with origins in Roman times when sacrifices were offered to Janus, the two-faced Roman deity who looked back on the past and forward to the future.
January 11	Human Trafficking Awareness Day	National campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern-day slavery.
January 19* Schools closed	Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service Ed Code 37220 NUSD Closed	What are you doing for others? Transform Dr. King's life and teachings into service that empowers and strengthens local communities. <i>Observed the third Monday in January.</i> https://americorps.gov
January 27*	100th Day of School	The 100th Day of School is a fun day to celebrate students' accomplishments and

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		promote understanding and recognition of numbers up to 100.
January 23	National Handwriting Day	Re-explore the purity and power of handwriting with a pen or pencil.
January 23	Ed Roberts Day Ed Code 37222.17	Recognizes the life, accomplishments and contributions of Ed Roberts and other Californians with disabilities.
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Established by the United Nations to recognize the 6+ million Jews and other victims systematically murdered in Nazi Germany.
January 26-30	The Great Kindness Challenge Week	During this powerful, unifying, and uplifting week, students are challenged to complete as many acts of kindness and develop key social-emotional skills that are vital for school, work and life success. For Free Resources, visit https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com
January 30	Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution Ed Code 37222	Commemorates Fred Korematsu and other civil rights advocates for Japanese American redress. First U.S. holiday named after an Asian American. http://korematsuinstitute.org

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February 2026		
<p>American Heart Month raises awareness about heart disease and how people can prevent it https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-month</p> <p>National African American/Black History Month was created in 1926 as a month-long celebration to reflect on the history, teachings and achievements of African Americans. www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov</p> <p>National Children's Dental Health Month raises awareness about the importance of oral health. www.ada.org</p>		
February 2-8*	National School Counseling Week	School counselors can have a tremendous impact in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. https://www.schoolcounselor.org
February 4	Rosa Parks Day	An American holiday in honor of the civil rights leader Rosa Parks.
February 6	Ronald Reagan Day	Schools and educational institutions are encouraged to remember the life of Ronald Reagan and recognize his accomplishments and contributions to this state.
February 9*	Lincoln Day Ed Code 37220 NUSD Closed	This day was first observed in 1866 when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address in tribute to the assassinated president. <i>Observed as the federal holiday Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February.</i> The Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12 occurs is known as "Lincoln Day." On the day that school is in session prior to the day on which schools are closed for that purpose, all public schools and educational institutions throughout the state shall hold exercises in memory of Abraham Lincoln (California Education Code Section 37220).
February 14-20*	Random Acts of Kindness Week	Even the smallest act of kindness can change a life. Kindness has a positive effect on the giver, the recipient and even the witness. www.randomactsofkindness.org . <i>Observed the week of Valentine's Day</i>
February 16*	Presidents' Day, observed Ed Code 37220 NUSD Closed	Presidents' Day is the recognition of Washington's Day (February 22) and Lincoln's Day (February 12). <i>Observed on the third Monday in February.</i>

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February 16	Washington Day	The holiday that celebrates the birthday of George Washington, the first president of the U.S. <i>Observed as the federal holiday Presidents Day on the third Monday in February.</i>
February 17*	Lunar New Year	Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations of the year among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean communities. The Lunar New Year begins on February 17, 2026, and is the Year of the Horse.
February 17 - March 19*^	Ramadan	Ramadan Begins. The commemoration of the first revelation of the Qur'an. Marks the beginning of a month-long fast that all Muslims must keep during daylight hours. In 2026, Ramadan is expected to begin at sundown on Tuesday, February 17, and end at sundown on Thursday, March 19.
February 18*	Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent	Lent is a 40-day period of fasting and penitence observed by Christians.
February 20*	#NoOneEatsAloneDay	Teaches everyone how to make friends at lunch, often the most difficult part of the school day. Created and organized by students. https://www.beyonddifferences.org/no-one-eats-alone

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Arts Education Month is a month dedicated to arts education and gives our education community an opportunity to appreciate how important arts education is for ALL students in California schools.

Irish American Heritage Month is celebrated in the United States to honor the achievements and contributions of Irish immigrants and their descendants living in the United States.

Music in Our Schools Month communicates the importance of music in the learning experience. Sponsored by The National Association for Music Education, <https://nafme.org>

National Nutrition Month. Make informed food choices and develop sound eating and physical activity habits. www.eatright.org

National Social Work Month is an opportunity for social workers across the country and their allies to turn the spotlight on the profession and highlight the important contributions they make to society. <https://www.socialworkers.org>

National Women's History Month celebrates the rich and inspiring heritage of the contributions of women to the United States. For information and materials, visit the National Women's History Project at www.nwhp.org

March 1-7*	National School Social Work Week	National School Social Work Week is marked every first full week of March to celebrate school social workers across the nation and appreciate their work in helping students achieve academic success. www.nationaltoday.com/national-school-social-work-week/
March 2	Read Across America	Celebrate diverse readers with books that represent an array of experiences and cultures on Dr. Seuss' birthday. www.readacrossamerica.org
March 2-3**	Purim	Purim is one of the most joyous holidays of the Jewish calendar, commemorating the saving of the Jewish people from a conspiracy to destroy them.
March 2-6*	National School Breakfast Week	Promote the benefits of a healthy school breakfast. <i>Observed the first full week of March.</i> https://schoolnutrition.org
March 7	California Conservation Bird and Arbor Day Ed Code 37221	A day to promote a spirit of protection and conservation toward birds, trees, and other natural resources. https://www.arborday.org/states/state.cfm?state=ca

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March 8	International Women's Day	Celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day
March 8*	Daylight Savings	Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m., and clocks move forward one hour.
March 19-20 **	Eid Al-Fitr	The Feast of the Breaking of the Fast marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.
Mar 30 - April 3	Spring Recess NUSD Schools Closed	Each year, the district recognizes Spring Break.
March 31	Cesar Chavez Day	This commemorative holiday celebrates the birth and legacy of civil rights and movement activist Cesar Chavez.

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April 2026		
<p>Autism Awareness Month highlights the need for education and awareness about autism and topics within the autism community. www.autism-society.org</p> <p>National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month celebrates Bilingual/multilingual learners, the fastest growing student population, bringing multiple assets to schools and adding to the rich diversity among students.</p> <p>National Poetry Month increases awareness and appreciation of poetry. https://www.poets.org</p> <p>National Financial Literacy Month highlights the importance of financial literacy and healthy financial habits.</p> <p>School Library Month celebrates the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning. http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm</p> <p>National Arab American Heritage Month celebrates the history, contributions, and culture of the diverse population of Arab Americans and Arab-speaking people in the U.S.</p>		
Mar 30 - Apr 3	Spring Recess NUSD Schools Closed	Each year, the district recognizes Spring Break.
April 1	Paraprofessional Day	Paraprofessional Appreciation Day is observed annually on the first Wednesday of April and honors educators such as teacher's aides and instructional assistants. Paraprofessionals often provide teachers with administrative support, work with students outside of the classroom, and provide one-on-one support for students who have disabilities or special educational needs.
April 1-9*	Passover (Pesach)	The Jewish festival marking the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. Passover begins at sundown on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, and ends after nightfall on April 9, 2026.
April 2	Autism Awareness Day	World Autism Day is an internationally recognized day annually on April 2, encouraging Member States of the United Nations to take measures to raise awareness about autistic individuals throughout the world.
April 2	International Children's Book Day	This day is to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

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April 3*	Good Friday	Good Friday commemorates the end of Lent and Christ's crucifixion, death, and entombment.
April 5*	Easter Sunday	Holiday with secular and religious connotations. The religious observance marks the resurrection of Christ. <i>Observed the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox.</i>
April 6	California Poppy Day	California Poppy Day honors the California poppy by learning about the economic and aesthetic value of wildflowers and native plants and by promoting responsible behavior toward our natural resources. (Ed Code 37222.12)
April 8*	Last Day of Passover	The final days of Passover 2026 begin before sunset on April 8 and end after nightfall on April 9.
April 11-17*	Week of the Young Child	The week promotes activities that honor young children and those who make a difference in children's lives, also recognizing the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. www.naeyc.org
April 12-20*	Passover (Pesach)	The Jewish festival marking the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. Passover begins at sundown on Saturday, April 12.
April 16	National Librarian Day	A day to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
April 19	Patriot Day	An annual observance for those who were injured or died during the September 11 th terrorist attacks. Flags are flown at half-mast. www.911memorial.org
April 19-25*	Administrative Professionals Week	Remember the key role of administrative professionals. <i>Occurs during the last full week in April.</i>
April 19-25*	National Library Week	First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote

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		library use and support. https://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek
April 20-24*	Public School Volunteer Week	Honors and highlights the powerful contributions of parents and caregivers to support student success. <i>Observed the third full week of April.</i> www.projectappleseed.org
April 22*	Administrative Professional Day	Remember the key role of administrative professionals. <i>Observed the Wednesday of the last full week in April.</i>
April 22	Earth Day	A day in which various events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection.
Apr 27 - May 1*	School Nutrition Employee Week	Showcase the different school nutrition professionals make for every child who comes through the cafeteria. https://schoolnutrition.org
April 28*	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	In appreciation of the school transportation that provides safe, effective, efficient, and healthy transportation of our students. Occurs on the 4 th Tuesday of April

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May 2026		
<p>Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month celebrates the collective accomplishments of Asian Pacific Islanders who comprise many ethnic groups with diverse backgrounds, histories, languages, and cultures. http://asianpacificheritage.gov/</p> <p>Jewish American Heritage Month pays tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who helped form the fabric of American history, culture, and society. https://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/</p> <p>Foster and Kinship Care Month shines a light on the experiences of youth in foster care. https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth</p> <p>Mental Health Awareness Month is designated to provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month</p> <p>National Physical Fitness and Sports Month encourages all Americans to take part in regular physical activity and increase their knowledge about the health benefits of exercise. http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/</p>		
May 1	School Principals Day	In appreciation of the educational leaders of schools who assume the commitment to lead our young people to a prosperous future.
May 1	School Lunch Hero Day	Join schools across the country who are recognizing the difference these team members make for every child that comes through their cafeterias.
May 4-8*	Teacher Appreciation Week	Celebrate teachers and deliver thanks and gratitude for the inspiration and motivation they give to students. <i>Occurs the first week of May.</i> www.nea.org
May 4-10	Screen-Free Week	Discover the joys of life beyond the screen. Spend time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends. Observed the first week of May. https://www.screenfree.org/
May 5	Cinco de Mayo	The anniversary of the 1862 Mexican victory over the French army in the Battle of Puebla.
May 5	National Teacher Appreciation Day	National Teacher Appreciation Day, also known as National Teacher Day, is observed on the Tuesday of the first full week in May each year.

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May 6*	National School Nurse Day	Honors all school nurses who care for students every day. <i>Occurs on the Wednesday in National Nurse Week.</i> https://www.nasn.org
May 6*	Bike to School Day	Take the first step toward changing community culture and creating options for getting around that are more inviting for everyone. <i>Occurs the first Wednesday in May.</i> www.walkbiketoschool.org
May 13*	California Day of the Teacher	This commemorates teachers and the teaching profession. <i>Observed the second Wednesday in May.</i>
May 13-19*	California Student Mental Health Week	Advocates for staff, students, and families to build greater awareness and skills around mental health and wellness. Observed in the second week of May.
May 15-21*	National Police Week	Recognize the service and sacrifices by law enforcement.
May 18	National Speech Pathologist Day	Recognize the workers that help support students and raise awareness about communication disorders. Speech-language-hearing pathologists and audiologists provide life-changing treatment and services for many children affected by this disorder.
May 17-23*	Classified School Employee Week	Recognize the important contributions of classified school employees. <i>Occurs the third full week of May.</i> http://www.csea.com
May 21	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Officially known as “The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development”, is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony.
May 25*	Memorial Day Ed Code 37220 NUSD Closed	To pay homage to all who died in war, the U.S. flag is quickly raised to the top of the flagpole, slowly lowered to half-mast, and then raised

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		again to full height at noon. The time at half-mast honors the million+ fallen soldiers; re-raising the flag symbolizes the resolve to carry on the fight for freedom so that the nation's heroes will not have died in vain. <i>Observed the last Monday in May.</i>
May 29	Last Day of School	This is the last day of the 2025-2026 school year for students in NUSD.

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June 2026		
<p>Immigrant Heritage Month Everyone has an immigrant story. This month celebrates the rich diversity it brings to the United States</p> <p>National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month Eat more fruit and vegetables every day of the year. https://healthyforgood.heart.org</p> <p>National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. https://www.nsc.org/events</p> <p>LGBTQ Pride Month honors the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, which was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement and how LGBTQ Americans have strengthened our country. Pride Month is celebrated internationally. https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/</p>		
June 5	World Environment Day	World Environment Day encourages awareness and action for the protection of our environment. https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day
June 14	National Flag Day	The Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes as the nation's official flag on June 14, 1777. www.nationalflagday.com
June 19	Juneteenth, aka Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day NUSD Closed	Commemoration of the day that enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned of their emancipation. Recognized by President Biden as a federal holiday in 2021.
June 25-26**	Ashara Mubarak	Ashara Mubarak is to be observed from June 25-26, 2026. For Muslims, this period commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Husain, the grandson of their prophet Mohammed, and his followers during the first ten days of Muharram.

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July 2026

No Monthly Recognitions are listed; however, there are specific days of observations as listed below.

Parks and Recreation Month recognizes the National Recreation and Park Association's efforts to advance parks, recreation and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. www.nrpa.org

Muslim American Heritage Month honors the contributions and integral role of Muslim Americans in the economy, culture, and identity of the United States. <https://muslimamericanheritage.org/>

Black, Indigenous, People of Color Mental Health Month brings awareness to the unique struggles that underrepresented groups face regarding mental illness.

<https://www.mhanational.org/bipoc-mental-health>

July 4	Independence Day Ed Code 37220	The federal holiday celebrating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.
July 18	Nelson Mandela International Day	Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity – as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker, and the first democratically elected president of South Africa. https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/
July 26	Americans with Disabilities Day	The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990 to guarantee equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

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August 2026		
<p>Children's Eye Health and Safety Month inspires parents to make their child's vision health a priority.</p> <p>National Immunization Awareness Month is an annual observance to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html</p> <p>National Truancy Prevention Month recognizes that chronic truancy causes serious harm to young people in America.</p>		
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	The celebration of the richness of indigenous cultures and the recognition of the challenges to indigenous peoples today. https://www.un.org/en/events/indigenoustday/
August 12*^	International Youth Day	Celebrate the role of young women and men as essential partners in change and raise awareness of the challenges and hardships facing the world's youth. https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day
August 13	First Day of School	NUSD students return for the first day of the 2026-2027 school year.
August 13-16	Obon	A three-day festival during which Japanese and Japanese/Americans honor their ancestors.
August 19	World Humanitarian Day	Give tribute to humanitarian workers who have risked and lost their lives in humanitarian service.
August 26	Women's Equality Day	The commemoration of the 1920 passage of the 19 th Amendment, which gave women full voting rights. The 2021 theme is <i>Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced</i> . https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/
August 28*	Raksha Bandhan	The Hindu festival that celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and their sisters. On this day, sisters tie sacred threads on their brothers' wrists and brothers vow to protect their sisters against all odds.

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September 2026

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Latinx Americans and the many contributions they have and continue to make to American culture. The month-long celebration from September 15 - October 15 was designated by presidential proclamation (36 United States Code 126).

Library Card Sign-Up Month is a time to ensure all children have library cards. Information and materials are available from the American Library Association.

<https://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>

School Attendance Month brings awareness to the importance of school attendance. Schools are encouraged to offer a variety of activities to promote attendance awareness including parent workshops, announcements, awards/recognitions, and attendance incentives throughout the month of September.

Suicide Prevention Month is a time for mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members to unite and promote suicide prevention awareness.

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

September 4 ^{*^}	Krishna Janmashtami	One of the most important Hindu festivals, Krishna Jayanti, is the birthday of Lord Krishna, the eighth reincarnation of Lord Vishnu, who gave the vital message of the Bhagwat Gita - the guiding principles for every Hindu.
September 7 [*]	Labor Day Ed Code 37220 NUSD Closed	The federal holiday was first celebrated in 1882 to recognize U.S. workers. <i>Observed the first Monday in September.</i>
September 8	International Literacy Day	This is an annual observance to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.
September 8-15 ^{*^}	Paryushana Parva	The most important Jain festival consists of eight (Swetambra) or ten (Digambara) days of intensive fasting, repentance, and reflection.
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Suicide is never the answer. Increase suicide prevention awareness. https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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September 11-13*	Rosh Hashanah Begins	Jewish New Year is a time of inner renewal and divine atonement. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on September 11, 2026, and concludes at nightfall on September 13, 2026. On Rosh Hashanah, Jews celebrate God's creation of the world. Rosh Hashanah lasts for 48 hours, and it usually occurs during the month of September.
September 16	Mexican Independence Day Celebration of Mexican History and Culture	September 16 marks the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain in 1810.
September 20-21*	Yom Kippur	The Day of Atonement marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur begins at sunset on September 20, 2026, and ends at sunset on September 21, 2026.
September 25*	California Native American Day Ed Code 37220.7	Recognize the role and contributions of American Indians to American culture and society. <i>Observed on the fourth Friday in September.</i>

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October 2026

Bully Prevention Month Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy. www.stopbullying.gov

Filipino American History Month celebrates and honors Filipino Americans and their contributions in the U.S. and globally. www.fanhs-national.org

Disability Awareness Employment Month increases awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities

Global Diversity Awareness Month officially known as “The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development”, is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony.

Italian American Heritage Month honors the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States, particularly in the arts, science, and culture.

National Cyber Security Awareness Month raises awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and reminds us to do our part to make sure that our online lives are kept safe and secure. <https://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>

National Principals Month recognizes our principals for being at the forefront of educational equity and improving student achievement for all students, especially our most vulnerable students <https://www.principalsmonth.org>

October 5*	World Teachers' Day	World Teachers Day is an international day held annually on October 5 to celebrate the work of teachers.
October 12*	Indigenous People's Day	Celebrate and honor Native American peoples and commemorate their histories and cultures. <i>Observed the second Monday in October.</i>
October 12-16	National School Lunch Week	The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly 30 million children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom.
October 12-18*	Week of the School Administrator Ed. Code 44015.1	Acknowledges educational leadership at the school, school district, and county levels. <i>Observed the second full week in the month of October.</i>

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October 15*	The Great California ShakeOut	The Great California Shakeout drill is held at 10:21 a.m. to help Californians prepare for a major earthquake. Observed the third Thursday in October. www.shakeout.org
October 19-23	Digital Citizenship Week	Reflect on the role of technology in our lives, share positive experiences, build positive online habits, and learn about digital safety and responsibility. <i>Observed the third week of October.</i> https://www.common sense.org/education/digital-citizenship-week
October 19-23	National School Bus Safety Week	National School Bus Safety Week recognizes the critical role school bus drivers play in safely transporting students and promotes safe behaviors around school buses to protect our school communities.
October 23-31*	Red Ribbon Week	Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, drug, and violence prevention campaign. NUSD actively participates this week, dedicating it to the prevention of bullying and drug-free living. www.redribbon.org
October 31	Halloween	The eve of All Saints' Day, traditionally an occasion for masquerading and pumpkin carving.

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November 2026		
<p>National Family Literacy Month addresses education and literacy needs by engaging family members in learning--from the classroom to the community to the digital frontier. http://familieslearning.org</p> <p>National Native American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month remembers the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives and honors the heritage of our continent's first inhabitants. http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov</p> <p>Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month promotes awareness and appreciation of the Sikh community in cities throughout California.</p>		
November 1*	Standard Time begins Daylight Saving Time ends	The beginning of all U.S. time zones. At 2 a.m., clocks move back one hour.
November 1*	All Saints Day	The day in Orthodox churches commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints. <i>Observed the first Sunday after Pentecost.</i>
November 1- 2	Dia de los Muertos	An indigenous celebration observed in the Americas to welcome the spirits of loved ones to come celebrate the continuity of life.
November 3	Bunka No Hi	This public Japanese holiday was established to promote appreciation of peace and culture.
November 3*	Election Day	The day that elections are held in many states and cities. <i>Usually observed the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.</i>
November 2-6*	National School Psychology Week	Celebrate and highlight the important work school psychologists do to help all students thrive.
November 8*	Diwali	The most popular of the Hindu festivals, Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.
November 11*	Veterans Day Ed Code 37220, NUSD Closed	Also known as Remembrance Day and Armistice Day, Veterans Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I and celebrates all U.S. military veterans. <i>Observed</i>

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		<i>November 11 unless the date falls on a weekend.</i>
November 14	Ruby Bridges Day	This day is designated as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, honoring her courageous walk to school in 1960. The day encourages students to walk to school and engage in dialogue about anti-bullying and anti-racism.
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break/Recess NUSD Closed	<i>School Resumes November 30th</i>
November 26* Schools closed	Thanksgiving Day Ed Code 37220	This federal holiday was the first such national proclamation, issued by President Lincoln in 1863. <i>Observed the fourth Thursday in November.</i>

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December 2026		
<p>No Monthly Recognitions While there are no monthly recognitions listed, there are specific days of observation.</p>		
December 2	National Special Education Day	Special Education Day marks the anniversary of our first federal special education law, signed by President Ford in 1975. http://www.specialeducationday.com/
December 3	International Day of People with Disabilities	International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) is a United Nations-sanctioned day to acknowledge and recognize those with disabilities
December 4*	Hanukkah Begins**	Hanukkah Begins on the evening of December 4, 2026
December 12	Hanukkah Ends**	Hanukkah ends on the evening of December 12, 2026
December 21 - January 4	Winter Recess NUSD Closed	<i>School Resumes January 5, 2027</i>
December 25 Schools closed	Christmas Ed Code 37220 NUSD Closed	A widely celebrated holiday with secular and religious connotations. The religious observance marks the birth of Christ with centuries-old customs.
December 26 - January 1	Kwanzaa	Created in 1966, this African American seven-day spiritual festival is dedicated to the values of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.
December 31	New Year's Eve	Countries across the world celebrate the last day of the year.

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