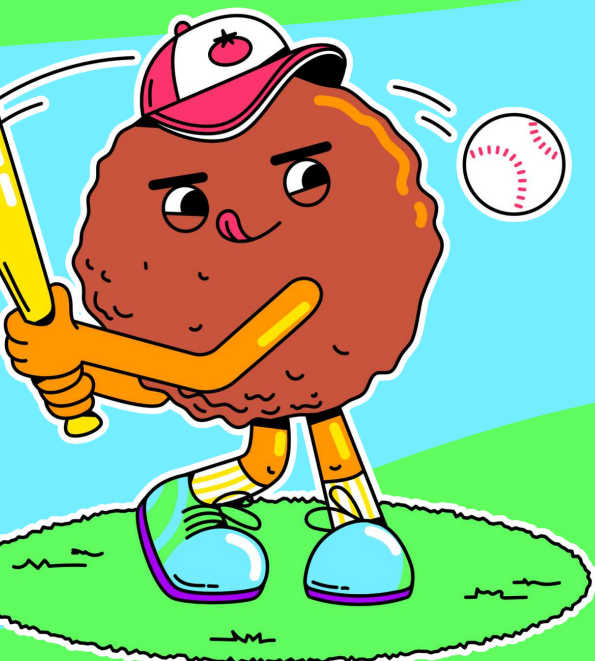


MADE WITH
**SCHOOL
LUNCH**

Fueling fun, memories, and
meals throughout the year.
Because every day
deserves a moment in the cafeteria.

2025-2026



CELEBRATION CALENDAR

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KEY MESSAGE

Hello, School Nutrition Heroes,

We created this **Made With School Lunch** Calendar just for you, because we know how much heart, hard work, and creativity you bring to the cafeteria every single day.

This calendar is packed with food celebrations, national observances, and fun monthly moments you can use to spark excitement around school meals all year long. Whether you're celebrating School Lunch Hero Day or the National Milk Day, these opportunities are here to help you shine a light on everything that makes your program so special.

You don't need a marketing team or fancy materials—just this calendar, your passion, and maybe a few trays of nachos. 🌮😊

 In this calendar, you will also see a few tips we wanted to share with you. Use it to plan cafeteria events, social media posts, taste tests, or even hallway bulletin boards. Make it yours. Have fun with it. And know that whatever you do—it **matters**.

Let's make every month deliciously memorable.

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NOTES



Decorate the cafeteria and post a welcome message on social media using #MADEWITHSCHOOOLLUNCH.

2025

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	01 Labor Day	2 National Blueberry Popsicle Day	3	4 National Wildlife Day	5 National Cheese Pizza Day World Samosa Day	6
7	8 Star Trek Day	9 National Ants on a Log Day	10 Patriot Day	11	12 National Video Game Day	13
14	15	16	17 National Apple Dumpling Day	18 National Cheeseburger Day 	19 National Great American Pot Pie Day	20
21	22	23	24	25 National Food Service Workers Day National Quesadilla Day	26 National Dumpling Day	27
28	29	30				

MONTHLY CELEBRATION

National School Success Month
Better Breakfast Month
Hispanic Heritage Month | Sept. 15–Oct. 15
National Chicken Month
National Papaya Month
National Rice Month
National Whole Grains Month
Sourdough September

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

National Waffle Week | Sept. 7–13
Suicide Prevention Week | Sept. 7–13
International Week of the Deaf | Sept. 22–28



NOTES



In October we celebrate the NSLW. Plan themed days, dress up your serving line, and post daily cafeteria moments. Use the hashtag to celebrate:

#NSLW2025.

2025

OCTOBER

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International Music Day
World Vegetarian Day

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National Noodle Day

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National Fruit at Work Day

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National Stop Bullying Day

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World Mental Health Day

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Columbus Day

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Global Handwashing Day

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World Food Day

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National Pasta Day

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International Chef Day
Diwali

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National Apple Day

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National Candy Corn Day

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Halloween



National School Lunch Week | Taste The World: Your School Lunch Passport!

MONTHLY
CELEBRATION

National Farm to School Month
International School Library Month
National Pasta Month
National Pizza Month
National Seafood Month
Vegetarian Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

World Space Week | Oct. 4-10
Banned Books Week | Oct. 5-11
National School Lunch Week | Oct. 13-17

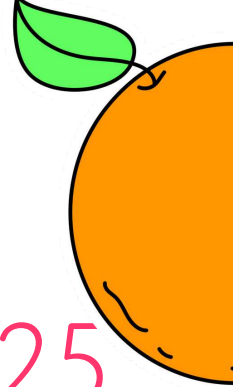


NOTES



Feature a staff shoutout board, have students write thank you notes or share a staff spotlight using our templates.

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2025

NOVEMBER

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National Sandwich Day

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National Nacho Day

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National Vanilla Cupcake Day

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Veterans Day

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World Kindness Day

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National Pickle Day

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National Homemade Bread Day

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Apple Cider Day

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Future Teachers of America Day

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National Stuffing Day

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Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day

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National Parfait Day

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Thanksgiving

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MONTHLY CELEBRATION

Military Family Appreciation Month
Inspirational Role Models Month
Native American Heritage Month
Peanut Butter Lovers Month
National Pepper Month
National Roasting Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

Dia de los Muertos | Nov. 1-2
National Children's Book Week | Nov. 3-9
World Kindness Week | Nov. 10-16





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2025

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1 National Christmas Light Day	2 #GivingTuesday 	3 National Green Bean Casserole Day	4 International Ninja Day National Comfort Food Day	5	6
7	8	9 National Pastry Day	10	11	12 Gingerbread House Day	13
14	15	16 National Chocolate-Covered-Anything Day	17 National Maple Syrup Day	18 National Twin Day	19 National Oatmeal Muffin Day	20
21 Yule/Winter Solstice	22 National Cookie Exchange Day	23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

MONTHLY CELEBRATION

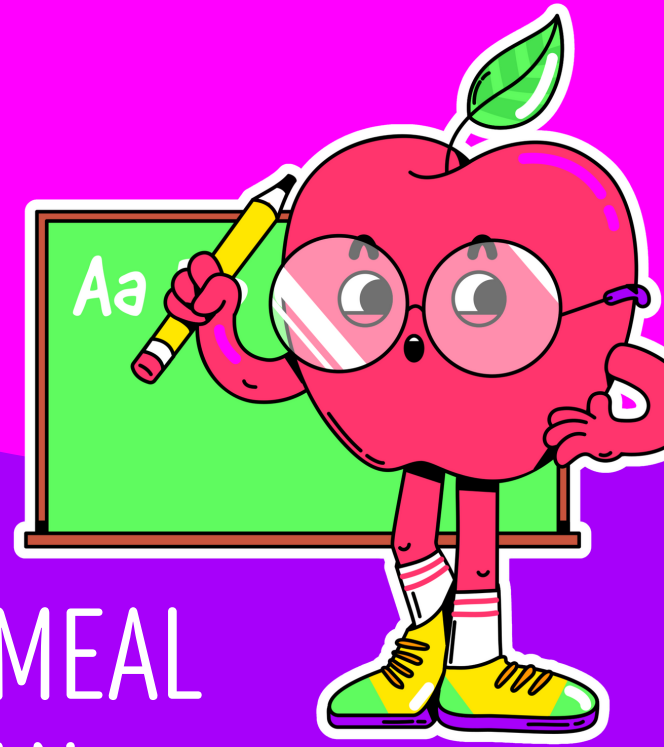
Learn a Foreign Language Month
Handwashing Awareness Month
National Cat Lovers Month
National Pear Month
National Root Vegetable & Exotic Fruits Month
Worldwide Food Service Safety Month
Universal Human Rights Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

National Cookie Cutter Week | Dec. 1-7
Hanukkah | Dec. 14-22
Kwanzaa | Dec. 26-Jan. 1



Every child who steps into the cafeteria carries with them a **unique story**, a growing imagination, and **endless possibilities**.



AND EVERY SCHOOL MEAL
SERVED IS MORE THAN
JUST NUTRITION:
**IT'S A DAILY REMINDER
THAT THEY MATTER.**

MADE WITH CARE, INTO THE NEW YEAR



NOTES



Celebrate dairy with a featured milk flavor or taste test.
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2026

JANUARY

SUN**MON****TUE****WED****THU****FRI****SAT****1**

New Year, New Possibilities

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National Science Fiction Day

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Apple Tree Day

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National Tempura Day

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National Apricot Day
National Word Nerd Day

10**11**

National Milk Day

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National Gluten-Free Day

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National Sticker Day

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National Bagel Day

15**16**

National Quinoa Day

17

SNA's 2025 School Nutrition Industry Conference

18**19**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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National Penguin Day

21**22**

National Hot Sauce Day

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National Pie Day

24**25****26****27****28**

National Blueberry Pancake Day

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National Puzzle Day

30**31**

MONTHLY
CELEBRATION

International Creativity Month
National Oatmeal Month
National Thank You Month
National Soup Month
Apple and Apricot Month
Self-Love Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION


New Year's Resolutions Week | Jan. 1-7
National Pizza Week | Jan. 11-17
Universal Letter Writing Week | Jan. 11-17



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2026

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 National Homemade Soup Day Sweater Day	5	6 National Chopsticks Day	7
8	9	10	11 National Inventors Day	12 Hug Day	13 National Cheddar Day	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17 National Cabbage Day Lunar/Chinese New Year Year of the Horse	18	19	20 National Muffin Day 	21
22	23 National Banana Bread Day	24	25	26	27 National Chili Day National Pokémon Day	28 National Pancake Day

MONTHLY CELEBRATION

Black History Month
International Friendship Month
National Cherry Month
National Sweet Potato Month
National Women Inventors Month
Potato Lovers Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

Pride in Foodservice Week | Feb. 2-6
Random Acts of Kindness Week | Feb. 14-20
Ramadan | Feb. 17-Mar. 18



NOTES



Offer a build your own breakfast day or host a student poll: Favorite breakfast item?
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2026

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Soup It Forward Day	4 National Snack Day	5	6 National Cereal Day	7
National School Breakfast Week The Quest For School Breakfast						
8 Daylight Saving Time starts International Women's Day	9	10	11 National Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day SNA's 2025 Legislative Action Conference	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Global Recycling Day	19 Let's Laugh Day National Poultry Day	20 Spring Equinox Eid al-Fitr	21 National California Strawberry Day
22	23 Chip and Dip Day	24	25	26 National Spinach Day	27	28
29	30	31				



MONTHLY CELEBRATION

Berries and Cherries Month
Irish-American Heritage Month
National Music in Our Schools Month
National Nutrition Month
National Noodle Month
Women's History Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

Read Across America Week | Mar. 2-6
National School Breakfast Week | Mar. 2-6
National Bubble Week | Mar. 15-22



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2026

APRIL

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1

April Fools' Day

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National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
World Autism Awareness Day

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National Burrito Day
Good Friday

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International Carrot Day



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Easter

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National Empanada Day

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National Gardening Day

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World Art Day
National Banana Day



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Superman Day

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Earth Day

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National Picnic Day

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International Dance Day

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National Bubble Tea Day
National Raisin Day
National Tie Dye Day

MONTHLY
CELEBRATION

Arab-American Heritage Month
Earth Month
National Garden Month
National Grilled Cheese Month
School Library Month
World Autism Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

National Wildlife Week | Apr. 5-9
Every Kid Healthy Week | Apr. 20-24
Passover | Apr. 1-9



NOTES



Post staff photos, put up a student appreciation banner, or give out hero themed stickers.
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2026

MAY

SUN**MON****TUE****WED****THU****FRI****SAT**

1

School
Principals' Day

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National Space Day

School Lunch Hero Day

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National Orange
Juice Day

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National
Teacher Day
National School
Nurse Day

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Mother's Day

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International
Hummus Day

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International
Sushi Day

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National
Chocolate Chip
Day

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Plant
Something Day

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World Bee Day

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Eat More Fruits and
Vegetables Day
Talk Like Yoda Day

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World Turtle Day

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Memorial Day

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World Hunger Day

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National
Creativity Day**MONTHLY****CELEBRATION**

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Food Allergy Awareness Month

Jewish American Heritage Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

Military Appreciation Month

National Asparagus Month

National Egg Month

National Salad Month

National Salsa Month

National Strawberry Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

Pet Appreciation Week | May 3-9

Teacher Appreciation Week | May 4-10

Children's Book Week | May 4-10



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2026 JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 World Milk Day	2 National Rotisserie Chicken Day	3 National Egg Day World Bicycle Day	4 National Cheese Day 	5 World Environment Day National Veggie Burger Day	6
7	8	9	10 National Egg Roll Day	11 National Corn on the Cob Day	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17 National Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 International Sushi Day	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 International Olympic Day	24 Upcycling Day	25 National Strawberry Parfait Day	26	27
28	29	30				

MONTHLY CELEBRATION

National Dairy Month
National Lemon Month
National Mango Month
National Oceans Month
National Soul Food Month
Pride Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

National Garden Week | June 7-13
National Flag Week | June 14-20
National Pollinator Week | June 22-28



NOTES



Use the MWSL calendar to pre select celebration days and schedule content ahead of time.
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2026

JULY

SUN**MON****TUE****WED****THU****FRI****SAT**

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International
Chicken Wing Day

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National Eat
Your Beans Day

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Independence
Day

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National
Blueberry Day

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Teddy Bear
Picnic Day

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National French
Fry Day

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National Mac and
Cheese Day

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Orange Chicken
Day

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National Cherry Day
Fresh Spinach Day

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World Emoji Day

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SNA's 2026 Annual National Conference



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National Mango Day

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World Nature
Conservation Day

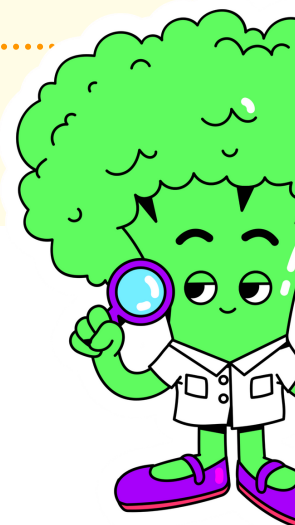
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National
Lasagna Day

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International Day
of Friendship

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National
Avocado Day

WEEKLY CELEBRATION

Clean Beaches Week | July 1-7

National Zoo Keeper Week | July 19-25

Coral Reef Awareness Week | July 20-26

MONTHLY CELEBRATION

National Corn Month
National Culinary Arts Month
National Ice Cream Month
National Picnic Month
National Watermelon Month
Wild About Wildlife Month



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2026

AUGUST

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Spider-Man Day

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National Watermelon Day

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National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

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National Couscous Day

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International Cat Day
National Mochi Day

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Hip Hop Day

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World Elephant Day

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National Creamsicle Day

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National Aviation Day
World Humanitarian Day

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National Tooth Fairy Day
World Plant-Based Milk Day

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National Eat a Peach Day

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National Dog Day

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National Cherry Turnover Day

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National Chop Suey Day

MONTHLY
CELEBRATION

National Peach Month

National Sandwich Month

Back-to-School Month

National Panini Month

National Immunization Awareness Month

WEEKLY
CELEBRATION

National Farmers Market Week | Aug. 3-9

World Water Week | Aug. 24-28

Be Kind to Humankind Week | Aug. 25-31

