

School Staff Appreciation Calendar, 2026-27 School Year

Date	Day	Observance	Who It Honors	Scheduling Rule / Notes
September 2026				
Sept 13-19, 2026	Week	National Arts in Education Week	Art and music teachers	Sunday to Saturday. Closest national observance to an art teacher day.
Sept 25, 2026	Friday	National Educational Assistants' Day	Instructional assistants, teaching assistants	Fourth Friday of September.
Sept 26, 2026	Saturday	National PTO/PTA Appreciation Day	Parent group volunteers and board	Falls on a Saturday in 2026. Consider recognizing Friday, Sept 25.
October 2026				
October 2026 (all month)	All month	National Principals Month	Principal	Sponsored by NAESP and NASSP.
October 2026 (all month)	All month	National Physical Therapy Month	School physical therapist	
Oct 2, 2026	Friday	National Custodian Day	Custodians, building services staff	Fixed date: October 2.
Oct 12-16, 2026	Week	National School Lunch Week	Cafeteria and food service staff	Week containing the second Monday of October.
Oct 16, 2026	Friday	National Boss's Day	Principal, front office leadership	Fixed date: October 16.
Oct 19-23, 2026	Week	National School Bus Safety Week	Bus drivers	Third full week of October.
November 2026				
Nov 9-13, 2026	Week	National School Psychology Week	School psychologist	Set annually by NASP.
Nov 16-20, 2026	Week	American Education Week	Entire school staff	Week before Thanksgiving week.
Nov 18, 2026	Wednesday	Education Support Professionals Day	All non-teaching support staff	Third Wednesday of November.
Nov 19, 2026	Thursday	National Parent Involvement Day	Parent volunteers, family liaison	Third Thursday of November.
Nov 20, 2026	Friday	Substitute Educators Day	Substitute teachers	Friday of American Education Week.
December 2026				
Dec 2, 2026	Wednesday	National Special Education Day	Special educators, IEP team	Fixed date: December 2. Anniversary of IDEA.
January 2027				
January 2027 (all month)	All month	School Board Recognition Month	School board members	
February 2027				
Feb 1-5, 2027	Week	National School Counseling Week	School guidance counselor	First full week of February. Sponsored by ASCA.
Feb 15, 2027	Monday	School Resource Officer Appreciation Day	School resource officer	Fixed date: February 15.
March 2027				
March 2027 (all month)	All month	Music in Our Schools Month	Music teacher	Sponsored by NAfME. Use in place of a music teacher day.
March 2027 (all month)	All month	Youth Art Month	Art teacher	Use in place of an art teacher day.
March 1-5, 2027	Week	National School Social Worker Week	School social worker	First full week of March.
April 2027				
April 2027 (all month)	All month	National School Library Month	School librarian, media specialist	Sponsored by AASL.
April 2027 (all month)	All month	Counseling Awareness Month	School guidance counselor	
April 2027 (all month)	All month	National Occupational Therapy Month	School occupational therapist	

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April 4, 2027	Sunday	National School Librarian Day	School librarian, media specialist	Fixed date: April 4. Falls on a Sunday in 2027, so recognize Friday, April 2.
April 5-9, 2027	Week	National Assistant Principals Week	Assistant principal	First full week of April. Sponsored by NASSP.
April 7, 2027	Wednesday	Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	Paraprofessionals, one-on-one aides	Wednesday of the first full week of April. Some calendars list a fixed April 1.
April 11-17, 2027	Week	National Library Week	School librarian, media specialist	Sponsored by ALA.
April 19-23, 2027	Week	National Public School Volunteer Week	Room parents, PTA volunteers	Third full week of April.
April 21, 2027	Wednesday	Administrative Professionals Day	Front office admins	Wednesday of the last full week of April.
April 27, 2027	Tuesday	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	Bus drivers	Fourth Tuesday of April. Some calendars list a fixed April 28.
May 2027				
May 1, 2027	Saturday	National School Principals' Day	Principal	Fixed date: May 1. Falls on a Saturday in 2027, so recognize Friday, April 30.
May 3-7, 2027	Week	Teacher Appreciation Week	All classroom and specials teachers	First full week of May. Sponsored by National PTA.
May 4, 2027	Tuesday	National Teacher Day	All classroom and specials teachers	Tuesday of Teacher Appreciation Week.
May 7, 2027	Friday	School Lunch Hero Day	Cafeteria and food service staff	First Friday of May.
May 12, 2027	Wednesday	National School Nurse Day	School nurse, health aide	Wednesday of National Nurses Week.
May 18, 2027	Tuesday	Speech-Language Pathologist Day	Speech-language pathologist	Fixed date: May 18.