

# School Counseling Awareness Dates 2016-2017

## AUG. 16

**National Immunization Awareness Month**

- 5-21 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro
- 8 Happiness Happens Day
- 12 World Elephant Day
- 13 Left Handers Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day

## SEPT. 16

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**  
**Children's Good Manners Month**  
**Library Card Sign-up Month**  
**National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**  
**National Preparedness Month**  
**National Recovery Month**  
**Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15)**

- 5-11 National Suicide Prevention Week
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- 16 National School Backpack Awareness Day
- 16-18 Clean up the World Weekend
- 17 Constitution Day/Citizenship Day
- 18-24 Child Passenger Safety Week
- 19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 23 RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) Day
- 26 Family Health and Fitness Day
- 29 World Heart Day
- 30 National Women's Health and Fitness Day

## OCT. 16

**ADHD Awareness Month**  
**Bullying Prevention Month**  
**Communicate with Your Kids Month**  
**Computer Learning Month**  
**Crime Prevention Month**  
**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
**Health Literacy Month**  
**LGBT History Month**  
**National Book Month**  
**National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month**  
**Positive Attitude Month**

- 1 International Day for Older Persons
- 3 Child Health Day
- 3 World Habitat Day
- 4-10 Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 5 National Walk to School Day
- 5 World Teacher's Day
- 6 National Depression Screening Day
- 7 World Smile Day
- 9-15 Teen Read Week
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 16-22 America's Safe Schools Week
- 17-21 National School Bus Safety Week
- 19 Unity Day/Stop Bullying Day
- 19-23 National Health Education Week
- 22 International Stuttering Awareness Day
- 23-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 United Nations Day

# NOV. 16

**Adoption Awareness Month**  
**Military Family Appreciation Month**  
**National Career Development Month**  
**National Family Caregivers Month**  
**National Runaway Prevention Month**  
**National Scholarship Month**  
**Native American Heritage Month**  
**Picture Book Month**

- 13 World Kindness Day
- 13-21 National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
- 14-18 American Education Week
- 14-18 School Psychology Awareness Week
- 16 International Day for Tolerance
- 17 National Parental Involvement Day
- 19 Great American Smokeout
- 19 National Adoption Day
- 19 National Family Volunteer Day
- 25 Native American Heritage Day

# DEC. 16

**National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**  
**Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 2 Special Education Day
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 5 International Volunteer Day
- 6-12 National Handwashing Awareness Week
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day

# JAN. 17

**Get Organized Month**  
**National Mentoring Month**  
**National Blood Donor Month**  
**National Thank You Month**

- 1 Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
- 1 Global Family Day
- 15 World Religion Day
- 16-20 No Name Calling Week
- 23-29 National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

# FEB. 17

**African American History Month**  
**Career and Technical Education Month**  
**International Boost Self-Esteem Month**  
**National Children's Dental Health Month**  
**Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 2 National Groundhog Job Shadow Day
- 6-10 National School Counseling Week
- 13-17 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 21-27 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- 22 World Thinking Day

# MARCH 17

**Gender Equality Month**  
**Middle Level Education Month**  
**Music in Our Schools Month**  
**National Nutrition Month**  
**Women's History Month**  
**Youth Art Month**

- 1 Self-injury Awareness Day
- 2 Read Across America Day
- 5-12 National Sleep Awareness Week
- 6-10 National School Breakfast Week
- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 Kick Butts Day
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 World Water Day
- 23-27 National Youth Violence Prevention Week

# APRIL 17

**Alcohol Awareness Month**  
**Child Abuse Prevention Month**  
**Community Service Month**  
**Counseling Awareness Month**  
**D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read Month**  
**Keep America Beautiful Month**  
**Mathematics Awareness Month**  
**Month of the Military Child**  
**National Autism Awareness Month**  
**National STD Awareness Month**  
**National Youth Sports Safety Month**  
**School Library Month**  
**Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**

- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3-7 National Youth Violence Prevention Week
- 6 National Alcohol Screening Day
- 7 Sexual Assault Awareness Day of Action
- 7 World Health Day

- 9-15 National Library Week
- 14-16 Global Youth Service Days
- 17 Day of Silence
- 17-21 Public School Volunteer Week
- 22 Earth Day
- 23-24 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 23-29 Administrative Professionals Week
- 23-29 National Volunteer Week
- 24-28 Week of the Young Child
- 27 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- 30 Children's Day/Book Day

# MAY 17

**Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month**  
**Better Hearing and Speech Month**  
**Clean Air Month**  
**Mental Health Month**  
**Military Appreciation Month**  
**National Bike Month**  
**National Foster Care Month**  
**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**  
**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month**

- 1-5 National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
- 1-7 Choose Privacy Week
- 1-7 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- 1-7 Screen Free Week (TV Turnoff Week)
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 25 National Missing Children's Day
- 31 World No Tobacco Day

# JUNE 17

**Fireworks Safety Month (June 1–July 4)**  
**National Hunger Awareness Month**  
**National Safety Month**

- 1 International Children's Day
- 5 World Environment Day
- 14 Flag Day