

Days of Significance 2018-19

**The cycle of Haudenosaunee Longhouse Ceremonies are days of significance for the Aboriginal population in Grant Erie District School Board.*

September

Paris Fair: Thursday, August 30 – Monday, September 3
Hagersville Summer's End Festival: Saturday, September 1
Delhi Fall Festival: Friday, September 7 – Sunday, September 9
Grandparents' Day: Sunday, September 9
Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, September 9 – Tuesday, September 11
Lifelong Learning Week: tbd
Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year): Tuesday, September 11 – Wednesday, September 12
First of Muharram/New Year: Wednesday, September 12
St. George AppleFest: Saturday, September 15 – Sunday, September 16
Yom Kippur: Tuesday, September 18 – Wednesday, September 19
Langton Fair: Wednesday, September 19
Ashura: Thursday, September 20 – Friday, September 21
Ancaster Fair: Thursday, September 20 – Sunday, September 23
International Day of Peace: Friday, September 21
Mabon: Friday, September 21 – Saturday, September 29
Autumn Equinox: Saturday, September 22
Donnybrook Fair: Saturday, September 22 – Sunday, September 23
Kshamavani: Sunday, September 23
Sukkot: Sunday, September 23 – Sunday, September 30
Houghton Fair: Thursday, September 27
Caledonia Fair: Thursday, September 27 – Sunday, September 30
Shemini Atzeret: Sunday, September 30 – Tuesday, October 2
Mental Illness Awareness Week: Sunday, September 30 – Saturday, October 6
GAINASO: A*
Green Corn*

October

Women's History Month
National Senior's Day: Monday, October 1
Simchat Torah: Monday, October 1 – Tuesday, October 2
Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show: Tuesday, October 2 – Monday, October 8
Day of Red: tbd
Walk to School Day: Wednesday, October 3
World Teachers' Day: Friday, October 5
Burford Fair: Friday, October 5 - Monday, October 8
World Communion: Sunday, October 7
Fire Prevention Week: Sunday, October 7 – Saturday, October 13
United Way Campaign: tbd
Navaratri: Tuesday, October 9 – Thursday, October 18
World Mental Health Day: Wednesday, October 10
International Day of the Girl: Thursday, October 11
Pumpkinfest Waterford: Friday, October 12 – Sunday, October 14

Local Government Week: Sunday, October 14 – Saturday, October 20
Waste Reduction Week: Monday, October 15 – Sunday, October 21
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: Wednesday, October 17
National School Safety Week: Wednesday, October 17 – Tuesday, October 23
Persons Day: Thursday, October 18
Dasara: Friday, October 19
Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji: Saturday, October 20
National School Library Day: tbd
ESL Week: Sunday, October 28 – Saturday, November 3
Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day: Monday, October 29
Samhain: Wednesday, October 31 – Thursday, November 1
Harvest Dance*
Medicine Mask (HADOUI)*
Feast of the Dead (OGIWE)*

November

All Saints Day: Thursday, November 1
Holocaust Education Week: Thursday, November 1 – Thursday, November 8
Diwali: Wednesday, November 7
Bandi Chhor Divas: Wednesday, November 7
Jain New Year: Thursday, November 8
Birthday of the Bab: Thursday, November 8 – Friday, November 9
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh: Friday, November 9 – Saturday, November 10
Rock Your Mocs: tbd
World Diabetes Day: Wednesday, November 14
Louis Riel Day: Friday, November 16
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week: Sunday, November 18 – Saturday, November 24
Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad): Tuesday, November 20 – Wednesday, November 21
Birthday of Guru Nanak: Friday, November 23
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji: Saturday, November 24
Holodomor Memorial Day: Saturday, November 24
Christmas Fast: Wednesday, November 28 – Sunday, January 6
Code of Handsome Lake (GAI HWIO)*
End of Season & Hadowi (Fall Fest)*

December

Christmas Panorama, Simcoe: Saturday, December 1 – Sunday, January 6
Advent: Sunday, December 2 – Monday, December 24
International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Monday, December 3
Hanukkah: Sunday, December 2 – Monday, December 10
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women: Thursday, December 6
Human Rights Day: Monday, December 10
Solstice: Friday, December 21
Yule: Friday, December 21 – Tuesday, January 1
Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25
Death of Prophet Zarathustra: Wednesday, December 26

Kwanzaa: Wednesday, December 26 – Tuesday, January 1
New Year's Eve: Monday, December 31
Sun, Moon & Stars*

January

New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1
No:ia (New Years): Tuesday, January 1
Twelfth Night: Saturday, January 5
Theophany: Sunday, January 6
Epiphany: Sunday, January 6
Feast of the Nativity: Monday, January 7
Orthodox Christianity Christmas: Monday, January 7
Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sabib: Sunday, January 13
Bodhi Day: Sunday, January 13
Makar Sankranti: Tuesday, January 15
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Friday, January 18 – Friday, January 25
World Religion Day: Sunday, January 20
Tu B'Shevat: Sunday, January 20 – Monday, January 21
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 21
Mahayana New Year: Monday, January 21
International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Sunday, January 27
Family Literacy Day: Sunday, January 27
Mid Winter Ceremonies*
GAINASO: A*

February

Psychology Month
Imbolc: Friday, February 1
World Faith Harmony Week: Thursday, February 1 – Wednesday, February 7
Carnaval de Québec: Friday, February 1 – Sunday, February 17
Setsunbun-sai: Sunday, February 3
Chinese New Year: Tuesday, February 5
Nirvana Day: Friday, February 8
Valentine's Day: Thursday, February 14
National Flag of Canada Day: Friday, February 15
Random Acts of Kindness Week: Sunday, February 17 – Saturday, February 23
Magha Puja Day: Tuesday, February 19
International Mother Language Day: Thursday, February 21
Maple and All Tree Ceremony*
Hadowi/Ohkiwe*

March

Childhood Arthritis Month
World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 1
Great Big Crunch: Friday, March 1
'Ala' 19-Day Fast: Saturday, March 2 – Wednesday, March 20

National Social Work Week: Sunday, March 3 – Saturday, March 10
Maha Shivratri: Monday, March 4
Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, March 6
International Women's Day: Friday, March 8
Clean Monday/Great Fast: Monday, March 11
Equinox: Wednesday, March 20
Ostara: Wednesday, March 20
Now Ruz (New Year): Wednesday, March 20
Naw-Ruz: Wednesday, March 20 – Thursday, March 21
Purim (Jewish): Wednesday, March 20 – Thursday, March 21
Holi: Wednesday, March 20 – Thursday, March 21
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: Thursday, March 21
World Down Syndrome Day: Thursday, March 21
Hola Mohalla: Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24
Maple Syrup Harvest*

April

Sikh Heritage Month
World Autism Awareness Day: Tuesday, April 2
Ugadi: Saturday, April 6
National Volunteer Week: Sunday, April 7 – Saturday, April 13
Bite of Brant: tbd
Ram Navami: Sunday, April 14
Baisakhi: Sunday, April 14
Mahavira Jayanti: Wednesday, April 17
Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 18
Theravada New Year: Friday, April 19
Passover: Friday, April 19 – Saturday, April 27
Ridvan: Saturday, April 20 – Thursday, May 2
Easter: Sunday, April 21
Best Start Parent and Information Fair: tbd
Easter Tuesday: Tuesday, April 23
Administrative Professionals' Day: Wednesday, April 24
Orthodox Holy Friday: Friday, April 26
National Day of Mourning: Sunday, April 28
Youth Week: tbd
Thunder Ceremony*
Medicine Mask (Hadoui)*
Feast of the Dead (Ogiwe)*

May

Asian/Pacific Heritage Month
Speech and Hearing Month
Beltane: Wednesday, May 1
Yom Hashoah: Wednesday, May 1 – Thursday, May 2
Ramadan Begins: Sunday, May 5
Bike to School Day: Wednesday, May 8

Support Staff Appreciation Day: tbd
Mother's Day: Sunday, May 12
Global Accessibility Awareness Day: Thursday, May 16
International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia: Friday, May 17
Buddha Day (Wesak) – Buddhist: Sunday, May 19
Declaration of the Bab: Thursday, May 23 – Friday, May 24
National Access Awareness Week: tbd
Ascension of Baha'u'llah: Tuesday, May 28 – Wednesday, May 29
Ascension (Western): Thursday, May 30
Laylat Al Qadr: Friday, May 31 – Saturday, June 1
Drying of the Sap of the Great Maple*
Sun and Moon Dance*
New Medicine/Seed Blessing Ceremony*
Planting Conclusion Ceremony*

June

National Aboriginal History Month
Toronto Pride Month (LGBTQ): tbd
Yom Yerushalayim: Saturday, June 1 – Sunday, June 2
Ramadan Ends: Tuesday, June 4
Eid-UI-Fitr: Tuesday, June 4 – Wednesday, June 5
Ascension (Eastern): Thursday, June 6
Shavuot: Saturday, June 8 – Monday, June 10
Pentecost (Western): Sunday, June 9
Whit Monday (Western): Monday, June 10
Brantford Pride Flag Raising at City Hall: tbd
Father's Day: Sunday, June 16
Martyrdom of Guru Arjam Dev Sahib: Sunday, June 16
Pentecost (Eastern): Sunday, June 16
Whit Monday (Eastern): Monday, June 17
New Church Day: Wednesday, June 19
World Refugee Day: Thursday, June 20
Solstice: Friday, June 21
Litha: Monday, June 24
Planting/Strawberry Dance*
Planting/Raspberry Dance*

July

Martyrdom of the Bab: Tuesday, July 9
Dharma Day (Asala): Wednesday, July 17

August

Lúghnasadh/Lammas: Thursday, August 1
International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples: Friday, August 9
Hajj: Friday, August 9 – Wednesday, August 14
Tisha B'Av: Saturday, August 10 – Sunday, August 11

Raksha Bandhan (Rahkri): Thursday, August 15
Dunnville Fair: Saturday, August 17 – Monday, August 19
Eid-Ul-Adha: Wednesday, August 21 – Thursday, August 22
Janmashtami: Saturday, August 24
Paryushana-Parva: Tuesday, August 27 – Tuesday, September 3
Big Green Corn Dance*
Green Bean Corn Dance*

Please accept our apologies for omissions or any group or important dates. We make all possible efforts to publish Grand Erie District School Board's Days of Significance according to a variety of sources. If there are any comments regarding the Days of Significance, please inform Kimberly Newhouse, via email: kimberly.newhouse@granderie.ca