September 2022 Multicultural Calendar

Acne Awareness Month (Canada, United States)

Amerindian Heritage Month (Guyana)

Arthritis Awareness Month (Canada, United States)

Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) Awareness Month

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Craniofacial Acceptance Month (Canada, United States)

Duchenne Awareness Month (Canada, United Kingdom, United States)

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month

Gospel Music Heritage Month (United States)

National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

National Guide Dog Month (Canada, United States)

National Hispanic Heritage Month (United States; September 15 to October 15)

National Honey Month

National Preparedness Month

National Prostate Health Month (United States)

National Yoga Month

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (Canada)

Pain Awareness Month

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (Canada)

Sickle Cell Awareness Month (Canada, United States)

Syringomyelia & Chiari Malformation Month

World Alzheimer's Month

Day	Description
2	Independence Day: Vietnam. The day marks Vietnam's declaration of independence from France on this day in 1945. It is the national holiday of Vietnam.
4	Paryushana-Parva: Jain. Paryushana 2021 will begin on Saturday, September 4th and ends on

	Saturday, September 11th. The most important Jain religious observance of the year, Paryushana literally means "abiding" or "coming together." Lasting either eight or ten days, it is a time of intensive study, reflection, and purification. It culminates with a final day that involves confession and asking for forgiveness.
5	Father's Day: New Zealand. Father's Day in New Zealand comes on the first Sunday of September, which differs from the June date of Father's Day in many other countries. International Day of Charity. Charity, like the notions of volunteerism and philanthropy, provides real social bonding and contributes to the creation of inclusive and more resilient societies. Charity can alleviate the worst effects of humanitarian crises, supplement public services in health care, education, housing and child protection. The date of September 5th was chosen in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.
6	Defence Day: Pakistan. Defence Day is celebrated on the 6th of September every year in Pakistan. It was on this day in 1965, that India launched her forces and attacked Pakistan across the international border without a warning or a declaration of war. This is the day when they pay tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives in defending their homeland from the enemy. Labour Day: Canada, United States. Labour Day in Canada is celebrated on the first Monday of September. It originally gave workers the chance to campaign for better working conditions or pay. The day is now part of a long weekend for many Canadians and celebrates the achievements of workers and advocates for their rights and privileges.
7	Independence Day: Brazil. Independence Day is a public holiday in Brazil and is always celebrated on September 7th. This is Brazil's National Day. In Portuguese, it is called 'Dia da Independência' and may also be known as 'Sete de Setembro' (7 September) or 'Dia da Pátria' (Nation Day). International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. This day acknowledges the importance of and urgent need to raise public awareness at all levels and to promote and facilitate actions to improve air quality, bearing in mind that clean air is important for the health and livelihood of people. World Duchenne Day. There are more than 250,000 children and young adults living with Duchenne, the most common fatal genetic disease diagnosed in childhood. This is a global day aimed to raise awareness for those affected by Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy. The date, September 7 (7/9) represents the 79 exons of the Duchenne gene.
8	International Literacy Day. Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) celebrations have taken place annually around the world 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. Despite progress made, literacy challenges persist with at least 773 million young people and adults lacking basic literacy skills today. Ízzat: Bahá'í. The 10th month in the Baha'i calendar. "Ízzat" in Arabic means 'Might'.
9	Ananta-Chaturdasi: Jain. Anant Chaturdashi is the day when Lord Vasupujya attained moksha (nirvan). Usually, a procession is taken out by Jains on this day. Kshamavani is generally observed a day after Anant Chaturdashi by digambaras, while the shwetambaras observe it after the 8th (i.e., the last day of their paryushan). Dashalakshana-Parva: Jain. Celebrated by the Digambara sect and lasts ten days, each day dedicated to a virtue: humility, honesty, purity, forgiveness, truthfulness, self-restraint, asceticism, study, celibacy and detachment. International Day to Protect Education from Attack. On September 9th, the world observed the first International Day to Protect Education from Attack that was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly last May. Global leaders and celebrities from all walks of life stepped up support for actions against attacks on education during the commemorative high-level virtual event organized by the State of Qatar, UNESCO, UNICEF and Education Above All Foundation. International FASD Awareness Day. September 9th is International FASD Day. First celebrated in 1999, FASD day is devoted to raising awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) to improve prevention of FASD and diagnosis and support for individuals with FASD.
10	Chuseok: South Korea. Chuseok, also known as Korean Thanksgiving Day, is one of the most important and festive holidays of the year. Chuseok means "Autumn Eve" in Korean and is a harvest festival that lasts for three days straight. It is scheduled based on the Korean lunar calendar, but it also always comes around the time of the Autumnal Equinox, which comes in late September. It begins on September 10th and lasts three days.

	Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Cake Festival): East Asia. The Mid-Autumn Festival is also called the Moon Festival or the Mooncake Festival. It traditionally falls on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese lunar calendar, which is in September or early October in the Gregorian calendar. The Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated in many East Asian communities. In China, it is a reunion time for families, just like Thanksgiving, while in Vietnam, it is more like a children's day. Tet Trung Thu: Vietnam. The festival traditionally marks the end of the harvest season. Locals harvest the rice in Vietnam in the month of September, namely in northern regions like Sapa and around Hoi An. It is also known as the Full Moon Festival, and there is always a bright round moon in the night sky when the festivities take place. World Suicide Prevention Day. World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) was first launched in 2003 on September 10th by IASP with the endorsement of the World Health Organisation (WHO). The 10th of September each year has been designated as a way of focusing attention on the problems of suicide worldwide.
11	Meskerem (Enkutash): Ethiopia. Known in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia as Enkutatash, this holiday marks 1 Meskerem, the first day in the Ethiopian calendar. World First Aid Day. Taking place on the second Saturday in September every year. Raising awareness of how first aid can save lives. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) introduced World First Aid Day in 2000. Each year, more than 100 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world organize events and ceremonies on the second Saturday of September to raise public awareness of how first aid can save lives in everyday and crisis situations.
12	Paitishahem Gahambar: Zoroastrian. Paitishahem Gahambar is a Zoroastrian holiday commonly observed in India and Iran. It is a five-day celebration commemorating good harvest in honor of the earth. Usually celebrated from September 12th to 16th , Paitishahem Gahambar starts with four holy readings and a blessing ceremony called Afrin for the first four days. United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation. South-South cooperation is a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South that contributes to their national well-being, their national and collective self-reliance and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
15	Independence Day: Costa Rica. Costa Rica celebrates its independence day on September 15th. The national holiday is marked by patriotic parades, the hoisting of the flag and performances by local students. Independence Day: El Salvador. This public holiday is El Salvador's National Day and is always celebrated on September 15th. It commemorates the independence of the Central American provinces from Spanish rule in 1821. Independence Day: Guatemala. This public holiday is Guatemala's National Day and is always celebrated on September 15th. Independence Day in Guatemala commemorates the independence of the Central American provinces from Spanish rule on this day in 1821. Independence Day: Honduras. This public holiday is Honduras' National Day and is always celebrated on September 15th. It commemorates the independence of the Central American provinces from Spanish rule in 1821. Independence Day: Nicaragua. This public holiday is Nicaragua's National Day and is always celebrated on September 15th. Independence Day in Nicaragua commemorates the independence of the Central American provinces from Spanish rule in 1821. International Day of Democracy. The International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. Democracy is as much a process as a goal, and only with the full participation of and support by the international community, national governing bodies, civil society and individuals, can the ideal of democracy be made into a reality to be enjoyed by everyone, everywhere. Myotonic Dystrophy Awareness Day. Raising awareness of myotonic dystrophy (DM) is critical as it is a rare, multi-systemic, progressive, inherited disease that affects successive family generations but is often misdiagnosed and poorly supported. Myotonic dystrophy is the most common form of adult muscular dystrophy and considered the most variable of all known conditions, yet there is currently no cure and there are no approved treatments. Shouts of Dolores: Mexico. The day of the Cry of Dolores (El Grito de Dolores) is a special observance held on September 15th, which is closely linked to Independence Day in Mexico.

16	Dia de la Independencia: Mexico. Independence Day (Día de la Independencia) is a Mexican holiday to celebrate the "cry of independence" on September 16th, 1810, which started a revolt against the Spaniards. It follows from the day of the Cry of Dolores (El Grito de Dolores), on September 15th. International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. The ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas, protects the Earth from the harmful portion of the rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet. In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed September 16th the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date of the signing, in 1987, of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (resolution 49/114).
17	Arba'een (Shia): Iran, Islam, Iraq. Arba'een is a Shia Muslim religious observance of the end of a forty-day period of mourning to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Husain. Constitution Day and Citizenship: US. Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day, formerly observed the third Sunday in May) is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is normally observed on September 17th, the day in 1787 that delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document in Philadelphia. Terry Fox Run. The annual Terry Fox Run has become a fall tradition in Canada, with more than 650 communities, big and small, urban, and rural, English and French, fundraising for cancer research. The Run gives communities the chance to come together to celebrate the impact they can have as a force for good. World Patient Safety Day. World Patient Safety Day was established in 2019 to enhance global understanding of patient safety, increase public engagement in the safety of health care and promote global actions to enhance patient safety and reduce patient harm.
18	Independence Day: Chile. This public holiday is always celebrated in Chile on September 18th and marks the date when the Chilean people declared independence from Spain in 1810. It is Chile's National Day and along with Christmas, this period is the most important holiday time in the year in Chile. International Equal Pay Day. Canada is proud to be an active member of the Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC)and to have supported the adoption of the resolution proclaiming September 18th as International Equal Pay Day. Oktoberfest: Germany. Oktoberfest 2021 will begin at noon on Saturday September 18th and end on Sunday October 3rd, 2021.
19	Independence Day: Saint Kitts/Nevis: Every September 19th, Kittitians and Nevisians gather to commemorate their independence from Great Britain.
20	Keiro No Hi: Japan. Keiro No Hi, translated in English as "Respect for the Aged Day," is a Japanese public holiday celebrated every third Monday in September. It is a day to honor older adults, to express appreciation and gratitude for their contribution to society, and to celebrate their longevity and vitality. Science Literacy Week. Science Literacy Week begins September 19th. Science Literacy Week showcases the many ways kids and families can explore and enjoy the diversity of Canadian science.
21	International Day of Peace. Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21st. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. International Week of the Deaf (International Week of Deaf People). As of 2021, the International Week of the Deaf will now be known as the International Week of Deaf People (IWDP). This name change in name comes from the decision of the XVI WFD General Assembly. This week is observed annually across the world during the last full week of September since 2009.
22	Chichen Itza Festival: Mexico. Northern Hemisphere moving into autumn and the South emerging from winter into spring. The celestial event that marks this transition is called an "equinox," and it happens twice every year around March 21st and September 21st. Independence Day: Bulgaria. This holiday is always celebrated on September 22nd. Known locally as 'Ден на независимостта', it marks Bulgaria's independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1908. Independence Day: Mali. Also known as Republic Day, this is Mali's National day and commemorates the independence of the Republic of Mali from the Mali Federation on September 22nd, 1960. Mabon Fall Equinox: Wicca. At Mabon, the day and the night are equal in length, in sublime balance. For many locations, Mabon coincides with the final harvest of grain, fruits, and vegetables. Mabon, also called Harvest Home, is the time of thanksgiving. The beauty and bounty of summer gives way to the desolation of winter, and the darkness overtakes the light.

23	International Day of Sign Languages. The International Day of Sign Languages is an unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users. According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are approximately 72 million deaf people worldwide. More than 80% of them live in developing countries. Collectively, they use more than 300 different sign languages. Shūbun-no-hi: Japan. On September 22nd, 23rd or 24th, the Autumnal Equinox is celebrated as a national holiday in Japan. In Japan, this holiday is known as 'Shūbun-no-hi'. The exact day can vary due to astronomical observations, so the date for the following year is usually announced in early spring. Unification Day: Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabian National day is always celebrated on September 23rd. Known locally as Al-Yaom-ul-Watany, it marks September 23rd ,1932, when King Abdulaziz announced the unification of the country as a kingdom.
24	Our Lady of Mercedes: Dominican Republic, Peru, Spain. The day honours the Virgin Mary on the feast day established by the Mercedian order in the 17th century. Heritage Day: South Africa. Heritage Day on September 24th recognizes and celebrates the cultural wealth of our nation. South Africans celebrate the day by remembering the cultural heritage of the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa. Various events are staged throughout the country to commemorate this day. Republic Day: Trinidad & Tobago. Trinidad and Tobago became a Republic on August 1st, 1976. The event is celebrated as a public holiday on September 24th because this is the date when the first Parliament met under the new Republican Constitution.
25	Rosh Hashanah: Jewish. Rosh Hashanah 2022 will begin in the evening of Monday, September 25th and ends in the evening of Wednesday, September 27th. The Jewish New Year celebrates the creation of the first man and woman, and the first day of the Jewish New Year.
26	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The General Assembly commemorates September 26th as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. This Day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority. It provides an opportunity to educate the public - and their leaders - about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them. Commemorating this Day at the United Nations is especially important, given its universal membership and its long experience in grappling with nuclear disarmament issues. It is the right place to address one of humanity's greatest challenges; achieving the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons. Navaratri: Hindu. Navaratri 2021 in Canada will begin on September 26th and ends on Friday, October 5th. Navratri (Hindi: नवरात्री, Gujarati: નવરાત્રી) or Shardiya Navratri is celebrated across Northern and Eastern India. Navratri is the symbolic celebration of nine nights of battle of the good against the evil with the result of victory of the good on the tenth day. During this period, Mother Durga is worshipped as the deity of power, energy and wisdom.
27	World Tourism Day. Tourism employs one in every ten people on Earth. Because of the pandemic, 100-120 million direct tourism jobs are at risk. Tourism creates jobs, promotes local culture and products, works in the sustainable use and management of the environment, like marine resources, and improves measures to make tourism an inclusive experience for all.
28	International Day for Universal Access to Information. Recognizing the significance of access to information, the 74th UN General Assembly proclaimed 28 September as the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) at the UN level in October 2019. The day had been proclaimed by the UNESCO General Conference in 2015, following the adoption of the 38 C/Resolution 57 declaring September 28th of every year as International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI). World Rabies Day. World Rabies Day is the first and only global day of action and awareness dedicated to rabies prevention. It is an opportunity to unite as a community - helping individuals, civil society, and governments to connect and share their work.
29	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste. We need to be aware of the importance of the issue of food loss and waste now more than ever in order to promote and implement our global efforts towards resolving it. That is why, in 2019, the 74th United Nations General Assembly designated September 29th as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, recognizing the fundamental role that sustainable food production plays in promoting food security and nutrition.

30	International Translation Day. International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals, which plays an important role in bringing nations together, facilitating dialogue, understanding and cooperation, contributing to development and strengthening world peace and security. September 30th celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator, who is considered the patron saint of translators. Orange Shirt Day. The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: Canada--Aboriginal/First Nations/Indigenous Peoples/Métis. On June 3rd, 2021, Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) (the "Act"), received royal assent. The provisions come into force on August 3rd, 2021. The Act creates a new federal statutory holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which will be observed on September 30 of each calendar year beginning September 30, 2021. The new holiday was proposed in 2015 by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish a statutory holiday to honour Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process. Sport Purple for Platelets. Patients diagnosed with immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) ride this rollercoaster on a daily basis. ITP, immune thrombocytopenia, is an auto-immune disease in which the body mounts an attack against platelets. Platelets are small components of our blood that are required for the blood to clot. Without a sufficient number of platelets, a person is subject to spontaneous bleeding or bruising. They can experience extreme fatigue when their platelet counts are low and are not able to participate in contact sports or other activities that could cause bleeding from a bump or contact. Each year, the last Friday of September is Sport Purple for Platelets Day. World Maritime Day. International shipping transports more than 80 per cent of global trade to peoples and communities all over the world. Shipping is the most efficient and cost-effective method of international transportation for most goods; it provides a dependable, low-cost means of transporting goods globally, facilitating commerce and helping to create prosperity among nations and peoples. The United Nations is working to ensure the peaceful, cooperative, legally defined uses of the seas and oceans for the individual and common benefit of humankind.

Note: There are many observances and celebrations around the world. If there is one that you want represented on our calendar that is currently not listed, send an email to the Equity Officer. The Equity Officer's contact information can be found on our WCDSB webpage. The Equity Officer will update the calendar periodically.