# School Staff Appreciation Days 2023-24

### August

First Day of School

#### September

Sept. 19 - National IT Professionals Day

#### October

School Principals Month MRH LGBTQIA+ Month Oct. 2 - Custodial Workers Day Oct. 16-20 - School Bus Safety Week Oct. 16 - National Boss's Day

#### November

Nov. 6-10 - School Psychologist Week Nov. 8 - Parent Educators Day Nov. 13-17 - American Education Week Nov. 15 - Education Support Professionals Day Nov. 17 - Substitute Educators Day

#### December

Dec. 2 - National Special Education Day

#### February

Feb. 5-9 - National School Counselor Appreciation Week Feb. 15 - National SRO Appreciation Day

## March

School Board Recognition Month March 3-9 - School Social Work Week

#### April

April 3 - Paraprofessional Day April 4 - School Librarian Appreciation Day April 23 - National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day April 24 - Administrative Professional Day

# May

May 3 - School Lunch Hero Day May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 - Teacher Appreciation Day May 8 - School Nurses Day May 10 - Child Care Provider Day May 10 - School Communicators Day May 18 - Speech Pathologists Day

**Purpose**: The Staff Recognition Calendar has been developed to provide EdPlus member districts guidance regarding annual staff recognition days. This calendar was designed to ensure employee groups are recognized consistently across the region and that no group is omitted from staff recognition days.

**Rationale:** This calendar was developed in collaboration with a volunteer committee<sup>\*</sup> of MOSPRA members to allow for consistent recognition of staff groups. To develop this calendar, the planning committee first agreed only to recognize staff appreciation days on this particular calendar. While there are additional recognition days and weeks throughout the calendar year, the committee decided to focus this calendar specifically on staff appreciation days.

While developing this calendar, the committee compared member district appreciation and recognition day calendars with calendars published by DESE and NSPRA. When there was no consistency on the date of an appreciation day, the committee referred to National Today as a third party. Whenever possible, this calendar links to the state or national organizations that sponsor the appreciation days to provide additional reference points.

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