Inclusive Calendar 2026 – 2027

Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is taking an inclusive approach to our calendar of dates of significance, recognition, and celebration of the diverse cultures, races, places of origin, ethnicities, religions, gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, disabilities and abilities of the local school community and greater British Columbia. It is a living document that will evolve with our understanding of our diversity.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
Aug 1	•Emancipation Day	•Commemorates abolition of slavery and celebrate freedom, resilience, and cultural contributions of Black communities worldwide
Aug 15	•National Acadian Day	•Honours Acadian culture, history, and heritage in Canada
Aug 17-21	•Public Service Pride Week	•Global movement uniting public servant in a shared commitment to 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion
Sep	•Suicide Prevention Month	•Raise awareness, spread hope, and spark meaningful action around mental health issues
Sep 7	•Labour Day - **Stat Holiday**	•Celebrates the efforts and achievements of workers across the country
Sep 7-13	•Mennonite Heritage Week	•Opportunity to learn about Mennonite Canadian history, culture, and contributions
Sep 20-26	•Gender Equality Week	•Raise awareness of the important contributions women and gender diverse communities to growth, development, character and identity of Canada.
Sep 23	•International Day of Sign Languages	•Opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.
Sep 28	•British Home Child Day	•Migration scheme with more than 100,000 children sent from Britain to Canada 1869-1930s.
Sep 30	•National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - **Stat Holiday**	•Honours lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Acknowledges tragic history and ongoing impact as a vital part of the reconciliation process.
Oct	•Canadian Islamic History Month •German Heritage Month •Latin American Heritage Month •Women's History Month	•To learn about the culture, contributions and achievements of the Muslim community. •Recognize the contributions German Canadians •Showcase Latin American cultures and contributions to Canadian culture. •Celebration of outstanding achievements of women throughout Canada's history.
Oct 1	•National Seniors Day	•Celebrating older adults for contributions to families, communities and society.
Oct 10	•World Mental Health Day	•Promotes mental health awareness and education, and advocates against social stigma relating to mental health.
Oct 11	•International Day of the Girl Child	•A day dedicated to celebrating the voices and power of girls, championing their rights worldwide, and reflecting on the challenges they continue to face because of their gender.
Oct 12	•Thanksgiving Day - **Stat Holiday**	•Day rooted in European agricultural tradition to celebrate the fall harvest and giving thanks.

Oct 18	•Persons Day	•1929 legal decision to include women in definition of "persons" in Canada giving some women, although not Indigenous and of Asian heritage and descent, more rights and paving way for increased participation in public and political life
Oct 26	•Lhatŝ'aŝʔin Memorial Day	•Day of remembrance, honour, and reflection for the Tŝilhqot'in Nation marking sacrifice of six Tŝilhqot'in War Chiefs who stood up to defend their people and lands during the 1864–1865 Chilcotin War.
Nov	•Hindu Heritage Month •Lebanese Heritage Month	•To celebrate Hindu rich heritage and foster unity among their diverse communities. •Honour the contributions and cultural heritage of Lebanese Canadians.
Nov 5-11	•Veteran's Week	•Service, courage, and sacrifice – At home, around the world, and across generations.
Nov 8	•Indigenous Veterans Day	•To honour and remember the contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis veterans.
Nov 11 **Stat Holiday**	•Remembrance Day	•To honour the memory and legacy of fallen Canadians, Veterans and current service members who have served and sacrificed so much for our country.
Nov 20	•National Child Day •Transgender Day of Remembrance	•To honour children's rights, well-being, and voices worldwide. •Honouring transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse people who have lost lives to anti-transgender violence.
Nov25-Dec 10	•16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence	•Campaign to call out and speak up against gender-based violence (GBV), and to renew our commitment to ending violence against women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ communities.
Nov 28	•Holodomor Memorial Day	•To commemorate the victims of the 1932–33 man-made famine in Ukraine.
Dec 3	•International Day of Persons with Disabilities	•To promote the rights, well-being, and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society.
Dec 6	•National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	•To honour the 14 women murdered at École Polytechnique in 1989 and to raise awareness about ongoing gender-based violence.
Dec 10	•Human Rights Day	•Celebrate the day United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.
Dec 11	•Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster	•Marks 1931 law granting Canada and other Commonwealth nations legislative independence from Britain. It is a significant milestone in Canada's journey toward full sovereignty.
Dec 24	•Christmas Eve	.
Dec 25	•Christmas Day - **Stat Holiday**	•A Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, usually observed as a religious and cultural celebration.
Dec26	•Boxing Day - **Stat Holiday**	
Dec 31	•New Years Eve	

Jan 1	•New Years Day - **Stat Holiday**	
Jan 15	•Black Excellence Day	•Honouring the achievements, contributions, and culture of Black individuals
Jan 17	•Raoul Wallenberg Day	•Tribute to Swedish diplomat who saved tens of thousands of lives during the Holocaust.
Jan 21	•Lincoln Alexander Day	•The first Black Canadian member of Parliament (1968), Cabinet minister (1979) and lieutenant-governor (Ontario, 1985). In recognition of his many important accomplishments.
Jan 24	•Word Day for African and Afro Descendant Culture	•Celebrates the many vibrant cultures of the African continent and African Diasporas around the world as an effective lever for sustainable development, dialogue and peace.
Jan 24- 27	•Family Literacy Week	•Encourages families to read, learn, and engage in literacy activities together
Jan 27	•International Holocaust Remembrance Day	•January 27, 1945, liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp. More than 1.1 million people, mainly Jewish, were murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau
Jan 29	•National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attach and Action Against Islamophobia	•Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia, honouring the victims and reaffirming the commitment to combat Islamophobia in Canada.
Feb 1	•RCMP Appreciation Day	•To recognize and express gratitude for Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).
Feb 6	•Lunar New Year and the Beginning of Spring Festival	•Commonly called Spring Festival (Chūn Jié, 春节), begins on the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar and lasts for 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival.
Feb 7-13	•White Cane Week	•For awareness of independence and abilities of people who are blind or visually impaired.
Feb 15	•National Flag of Canada Day	•To commemorate the inauguration of the flag of Canada on that date in 1965.
Feb 15	•Family Day - **Stat Holiday**	•A day to celebrate the importance of family and community in daily life.
Feb 15-21	•Heritage Week	•Celebrate diversity, educate the public, and honour the contributions of different communities to foster understanding, pride, and inclusion
Feb24	•Pink Shirt Day	•For awareness of home, school, workplace, online bullying
Mar	•Irish Heritage Month	•Recognize achievements and cultural impact of Irish immigrants and their descendants.
Mar 8	•International Women's Day	•Global celebration of women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements, while also serving as a call to action for accelerating gender equality.
Mar 15	•International Day to Combat Islamophobia	•Raise awareness and counter anti-Muslim hatred worldwide.
Mar 21	•International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	•Observed annually on the day 69 people peacefully demonstrating against apartheid lost their lives to the hands of the police in Sharpeville, South Africa in 1960.

Mar 26	•Good Friday - **Stat Holiday**	•Christian holiday commemorating crucifixion of Jesus Christ
Mar 29 **Stat Holiday**	•Easter Monday	•Christian festival and cultural holiday to celebrate the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, three days after his death.
Mar 31	•International Transgender Day of Visibility •National Indigenous Languages Day	•Celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice. •Opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada to recognize and celebrate the very rich and diverse heritage of Indigenous languages.
Apr	•Construction and Skilled Trades Month •Sikh Heritage Month	•Celebrating contributions of tradespeople and construction industry to economy and communities. •Celebration of Sikh arts, culture and heritage of the Canadian Sikh community.
Apr 1	•Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month	•Honour the memory, resilience, and courage of both the victims of genocide and their descendants, who carry the weight of intergenerational trauma
Apr 9	•Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge	•April 9, 1917 to April 12, 1917, First World War battle celebrated as defining moment in Canadian history, marking first time all four divisions of the Canadian Corps fought together and achieved a significant victory against German forces.
Apr 14	•International Day of Pink	•Aims to combat bullying, discrimination, homophobia, and transphobia.
Apr 21	•Administrative Professionals Day	•Recognizing the vital contributions of administrative staff in workplaces worldwide.
Apr 22	•Earth Day	•Dedicated to environmental protection and awareness about ecological sustainability.
May	•Asian Heritage Month •Canadian Jewish Heritage Month •Polish Heritage Month	•Learn about diverse culture, history, and contributions of Asian communities in Canada •Recognizing significant contributions of Jewish Canadians to Canada • Recognizing significant contributions of Polish Canadians to Canada
May 1	•Principal Appreciation Day	•Recognize the important role principals, play in the success of schools and students.
May 3-9	•Canadian Mental Health Week	•Celebrate and raise awareness about the importance of mental health.
May 5	•Dutch Heritage Day •Red Dress Day •Cinco De Mayo	•Commemorates 1945 liberation of the Netherlands and Dutch contributions to Canada. •Honours and raises awareness of MMIWG2S+ (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people) •celebrate Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862
May 9	•Mother's Day	•Honouring mothers, motherhood, maternal bonds, and influence of mothers in society.
May _	•Moose Hide Campaign	•BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children.

May 17	•International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia	•Recognize 2SLGBTQ+ activists who have fought for equity and against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.
May 23-29	•National AccessAbility Week	•Week to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities.
May 24	•Victoria Day - **Stat Holiday**	•Honour Queen Victoria, who is known as the "Mother of Confederation."
Jun	•Filipino Heritage Month •Italian Heritage Month •National Indigenous History Month •Portuguese Heritage Month	•Showcase the rich culture and heritage of Filipino Canadians. •Showcase the rich culture and heritage of Italian Canadians. •Recognize history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. •Showcase the rich culture and heritage of Portuguese Canadians.
Jun 1	•Launch of Pride Season	•Period between June and September when 2SLGBTQ+ communities and allies come together at different times throughout the summer to spotlight the resilience, talent, and contributions of 2SLGBTQ+ communities in many Canadian cities.
Jun 21	•National Indigenous Peoples Day	•Recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.
Jun 23	•National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	•In memory of Canadians who have died due to terrorist acts both domestically and abroad.
Jun 24	•Saint-Jean Babtiste Day	•Celebrates French Canadian culture and heritage, especially in Quebec