

REDI Expanded Calendar – September 2024

In addition to the district's Internal Calendar, we provide monthly expanded calendars with brief descriptions and helpful links for further information about significant dates, recognitions and celebrations. These calendars and updates are intended as resources and are not prescriptive.

NB: Sometimes in sincere attempts to be inclusive, it is possible to create feelings of exclusion. It is not possible to include every special religious, spiritual, cultural or international day and therefore, important to be sensitive to those who may feel overlooked. Staff are encouraged to recognize and focus on the uniqueness of the surrounding community and embedding these identities into planning and practices. Further discussion at each site to consider context will provide more depth and value to this work.

Date	Category	Day of Significance
September 7	Faith-based Hinduism	<u>Ganesh Chaturthi</u> A Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Ganesh, the God of new beginnings and a fresh start.
September 8	Health and Education	<u>International Literacy Day</u> A day 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.
September 8-14	Cultural	<u>Mennonite Heritage Week</u> Mennonite Heritage Week recognizes Mennonite resilience, cultural production, and peacemaking efforts. The designation encourages deeper public appreciation of Mennonite contributions to building Canadian society.
September 15-16	Faith-based Islam	<u>Mawlid-al-Nabi</u> An Islamic celebration marking the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.
September 22-28	Gender Equity	<u>Gender Equality Week</u> An opportunity to raise awareness of the important contributions women and gender diverse communities have made to the growth, development, character and identity of Canada.
September 23	Disability / Diverse Ability	<u>International Day of Sign Languages</u>

		A unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.
September 30	Indigenous	<p><u>Orange Shirt Day</u> Created to recognize the impacts and history of residential schools, celebrate survivors, and be a call of action to reconciliation.</p> <p><u>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</u> The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.</p>