

September Multicultural Connections



Labor Day – September 1, 2008

Labor Day is a national legal holiday that has been observed the first Monday in September for more than 100 years. It grew out of a celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in 1882 in New York. In 1884, the Knights held a large parade in New York City celebrating the working class. The parade was held on the first Monday in September. The Knights passed a resolution to hold all future parades on the same day,

designated by them as Labor Day. For more information: www.dol.gov/opa/aboutdol/laborday.htm

National Grandparents Day – September 7, 2008

Marian McQuade (now age 91), a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia wanted to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. This year Grandparents Day falls on Sept. 7th. For more information: www.grandparents-day.com



Ramadan – September 1–September 30

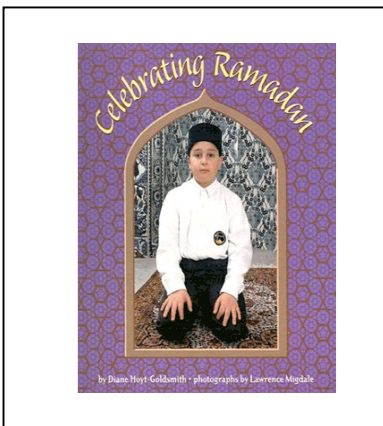
Based on a lunar calendar (9th month of the Muslim Calendar) the date varies every year. **Ramadan** in 2008 will start on Monday, the 1st of September and will continue for 30 days until Tuesday, the 30th of September.

For more than a billion Muslims around the world, including 8 million in North America, **Ramadan** is a month of blessing marked by prayer, fasting during daylight hours and charity. It is a time for spiritual reflection, prayer; doing good deeds, charity, and spending time with loved ones. It teaches self-discipline, self-restraint generosity and understanding of those less fortunate.

For more information:

www.suelebeau.com

www.infoplease.com/spot/ramadan1.html





Patriotic Observance – September 11, 2008

Resolution Proclaiming September 11, 2008 as a Patriotic Observance: A Day to Remember

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County recognizes the importance of a Patriotic Observance in honor of those who died during the tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Patriotism is a part of all the character traits adopted by the School Board of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County joins in the celebration of this great country and all its resolve; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County understands its role in educating students to demonstrate responsibility, citizenship, respect, kindness, and tolerance in a free democratic society; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims September 11, 2008, as a Patriotic Observance.

A Day to Remember

At 9:30 a.m. schools, areas and district offices are encouraged to pause for a moment of silence to honor those who died during this tragic event.

Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15–October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18. The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. For more information:

www.floridahispanicheritage.com/
www.educationworld.com/
www.factmonster.com
www.suelebeau.com



Constitution Week

Citizenship Day/Constitution Day, September 17th each year, observes the anniversary of the US Constitution being completed and signed and approved in 1787. The intent of the bill was to give recognition to those who had become American citizens during the preceding year. The celebrations include pageantry and speeches to impress Americans with the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

For more information:

- ∞ www.patriotism.org/citizenship
- ∞ www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010917-15.html
- ∞ www.billofrightsinstitute.org/constitutionday!



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTION DAY

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2008

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787 members of the Constitutional Convention signed the final draft of the United States Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 108-447, the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2005 is currently federal law; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 of Public Law 108-447 details the requirements of a national Constitution Day; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 requires that Constitution Day be held on September 17 of each year; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 requires that when September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week; and

WHEREAS, Section 111 states that all educational institutions receiving funds from the Federal Department of Education are required to comply by implementing an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, Florida is an educational institution receiving funding from the Federal DOE;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with Public Law 108-447, Section 111, of the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2005 declares

September 17th, 2008

Constitution Day

and calls for all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

Recommended Activities for Constitution Day

In accordance with federal legislation the School Board of Broward County, Florida will

commemorate Constitution Day on September 17, 2008. On August 27, 2008 The School Board of Broward County, Florida passed a resolution to act in accordance with the law (see attached resolution). A list of recommended activities follows:

- ∞ Include a saying on the school's marquee stating "School Name Supports Constitution Day, 9/17/08." It is appropriate to use school initials in lieu of the school name.
- ∞ Implement the appropriate level curriculum through-your Social Studies Lessons on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. The National Constitution Center (www.constitutioncenter.org) and Center for Civic Education (www.civiced.org) offer a number of appropriate curriculum related lessons.
- ∞ Use the following sample writing prompt in the U.S. History Social Studies and/or Language Arts classes for Wednesday, September 17, 2008:
- ∞ Discuss how the Constitution is a living document and how it has directly affected the lives of you and your family.
- ∞ Be sure to cite specific examples both from the Constitution (secondary level only) and life experiences (elementary and secondary levels).
- ∞ Lead a school-wide recitation of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution over the Public Address System or televised morning announcements broadcast on Wednesday, September 17, 2008.
Preamble: We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.
- ∞ Schools are encouraged to hold their own programming specific to the celebration of the U.S. Constitution
- ∞ BECON will air programming related to the U.S. Constitution throughout the day on September 17, 2008 (see attached schedule – it reads **Celebrate Freedom Week**).

Celebrate Freedom Week – September 22–26, 2008

BECON Channel 25– Special Programming

Celebrate Freedom Week – SPE-85 length 3:21

Mon 9/22	Tues 9/23	Wed 9/24	Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26
7:30am	7:30am	7:30am	7:30am	7:30am
8:55am	8:55am	8:55am	8:55am	8:55am
10:45am	10:00am	10:45am	10:45am	10:45am
12:55pm	School	12:55pm	12:55pm	12:55pm
2:15pm	Board	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm
4:10pm		4:10pm	4:10pm	4:10pm

Democracy in America – DEM-1 to DEM-15

Mon 9/22	Tue 9/23	Wed 9/24	Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26
1 9:00am	4 9:00am	7 9:00am	10 9:00am	13 9:00am
2 9:30am	5 9:00am	8 9:30am	11 9:30am	14 9:30am
3 10:00am		9 10:00am	12 10:00am	15 10:00a

History of the U. S. Constitution – HIF-1 to HIF-8

Wed 9/17/08

8:30am – 12:30 pm (8 part series)

12:30pm – 4:30pm (8 part series)

Mon 9/22	Tue 9/23	Wed 9/24	Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26
1 11:00am		3 11:00am	5 11:00am	7 11:00am
2 11:30am		4 11:30am	6 11:30am	8 11:30am

Framework for Democracy – FRA-1 to FRA-26

Mon 9/22	Tue 9/23	Wed 9/24	Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26
2 1:00pm		8 1:00pm	14 1:00pm	20 1:00pm
3 1:30pm		9 1:30pm	15 1:30pm	21 1:30pm
4 2:30pm		10 2:30pm	16 2:30pm	22 2:30pm
5 3:00pm		11 3:00pm	17 3:00pm	23 3:00pm

Please note that the number to the left of the time is the episode number for that particular series. All of the above programming will air on BECON ITFS Channel 25.

International Day of Peace – September 21, 2008

The General Assembly of the United Nations, as of 7 September 2001, decided that, beginning in 2002, the International Day of Peace should be observed each year on September 21

For more information: www.un.org/events/peaceday



Rosh Hashanah –

Sunset September 29–Nightfall October 1, 2008

On Monday night, Sept. 29, 2008, Jews will begin celebrating one of their most important religious holidays, Rosh Hashanah. It remembers the creation of the world. In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means the "head of the year." It is also called the Feast of the Trumpets. The blowing of a ram's horn, a shofar, proclaims Rosh Hashanah, and summons Jews to religious services. Sundown Sept. 29 marks the beginning of the year 5769.

Jews used the ram's horn as a trumpet in Biblical times to announce the new moon, holidays, and war. Today, a variety of horns are used, including curved antelope horns. For more information:

www.infoplease.com/spot/roshhashanah1.html

www.jewfaq.org

