

Important School Counseling Events

National School Counseling Week

The week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. This event is always celebrated the first week in February. <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

National Bully Prevention Month

National Bullying Prevention Month is a campaign in the United States founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center.¹⁴ The campaign is held during the month of October and unites communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of [bullying](#) prevention. Traditionally held the first week in October, the event was expanded in 2010 to include activities, education, and awareness building for the entire month. National Bullying Prevention Month is recognized in communities across the United States.

<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/>

Start with Hello Week

Start with Hello Week raises awareness about social isolation and educates students and the community on how to prevent it through: Start With Hello trainings, awareness, activities, public proclamations, media events, student contests and school awards.

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/startwithhelloweek>

Say Something Week

Say Something Week is a national call-to-action week to celebrate students being 'upstanders' in schools and communities by speaking up when noticing warning signs and threats of potential violence. Thousands of schools and youth organizations from across the United States participate in Say Something Call to Action Week.

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/saysomethingweek>

Peer Mediation

Guilford County Schools Peer Mediation Programs equips and empowers students to become change agents. Change agents with the ability to positively impact individual student behavior as well overall school climates. What is peer mediation? Peer mediation is a voluntary process in which a student trained as a neutral third party helps other students in conflict get clear about their concerns, better understand one another, and come to a mutual agreement about how they want to handle their issues. GCS has mediation programs at several elementary as well as middle schools. Please contact Sonja Sloan (336)340-1454 sloans@gcsnc.com;

2020 – 2021 Awareness Dates

Date(s)	Event(s)
September 6 th – 12 th	National Suicide Prevention Week
September 21 st – 25 th	Start With Hello Week
September 21 st	International Day of Peace
October 4 th – 10 th	Mental Illness Awareness Week
October 10 th	World Mental Health Day
October 17 th – 23 rd	America’s Safe Schools Week
October 21 st	Unity Day/ Bullying Day
October 23 rd – 31 st	Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)
November 13 th	World Kindness Day
November 15 th – 22 nd	National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
November 16 th – 20 th	American Education Week
November 16 th	International Day for Tolerance
November 27 th	Native American Heritage Day
November 27 th	Random Acts of Kindness Friday
November	National Scholarship Month
November	Native American Heritage Month National Career Development Month
December 1 st – 7 th	National Handwashing Awareness Week

Date(s)	Event(s)
January 1 st	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
January 1 st	Global Family Day
January 18 th – 22 nd	No Name Calling Week
January 18 th	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service
January	National Mentoring Month
January	National Thank You Month
February 1 st -5 th	National School Counseling Week
February 14 th -20 th	Random Acts of Kindness Week
February 22 nd -28 th	National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
February	African American History Month
March 1 st -5 th	Say Something Week
March 1 st	Self-Injury Awareness Day
March 21 st	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 22 nd – 28 th	National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week
March	National Women’s History Month
April 12 th – 16 th	National Youth Violence Prevention Week
April 18 th – 24 th	National Volunteer Week
April 22 nd	Global Youth Service Days
May 6 th	Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day
June 19 th	Juneteenth