

Chinese / Lunar New Year (Buddhist – China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam)

Celebrated on February 1st. The year of the Tiger. This is the year 4720 in the Chinese Lunar calendar and the most important holiday. It is a three-day holiday in in China and Hong Kong. The Chinese clean and decorate their homes with the five lucky signs of happiness; new cloths are worn and even the poorest buy new shoes, for it is considered bad luck to step on the ground into old shoes. Vietnamese call it the ‘Tet’ Festival.

Seollal (Korea) February.1st

The Korean New Year lasts three days. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, eat traditional food, and play folk games.

Basant Panchami (Hindu)

Basant Panchami in Northern India heralds the approach of spring and yellow-colored cloths symbolically worn. Even the food is colored yellow by using saffron. This festival honors Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning, Wisdom, and the creative arts. (Feb.5th)



February host Black History Month in Canada and USA

Canada- In December of 1995, the parliament of Canada recognized February as Black History Month following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to parliament, Jean Augustine. USA – Black History Month: celebrates African American history. February was chosen because Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass, two men prominent in eliminating slavery, were both born in February.



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Intercalary Days - Bahá'í (Feb.25th)

There are four or five days inserted into the calendar called Ayyam-i-ha adjusting the Bahá'í year to the solar cycle. This precedes a month of fasting in March 2-20. Gifts are exchanged, parties and public meetings are held to share the faith.



Waitangi Day (New Zealand)

This day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi on the 6th of February 1840 by a group of Māori chiefs and the British Government. It honors the rights of British Crown and also the rights of the Māori people, which are now in the process of being reclaimed.

Anti- Bullying Day (Canada)

Encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.



People Power Day (Philippines)

Celebrated on February 25th. Commemorates the bloodless revolution in 1986 in which president Ferdinand Marcos was toppled from power.



“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common... Celebrate it every day.”

– Winston Churchill



Resources:

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