



School-Year Calendar of Service and Philanthropy

Plan to infuse philanthropy and service into your teaching through familiar calendar events with related lesson plans, project ideas, and teaching tools. **Access each month of resources** at learningtogive.org under the Get Started menu: "Plan Giving Instruction."


August	Description	September	Description
Introduction to Philanthropy	Introduce a common language of giving and serving and civic responsibility with one teaching unit at each grade level K-12.	September 11 Day of Service and Remembrance	Commemorate the heroes of September 11 by challenging your students to exercise their courage to be an everyday hero through service to the community .
Character Education	Middle school character education advisory lessons, based on academic and philanthropy themes.	Grandparents Day September 11	Help students get to know their grandparents and other elderly community members . A great opportunity to learn about their lives and what they care about.
Establishing a Culture of Kindness	Explore how acts of kindness impact the whole community with lessons and project ideas.	Citizenship/ Constitution Day September 17	Teach citizenship and the U.S. Constitution and the value of participating in civil society .
TeachOne for Back to School	"TeachOne" is a great way to get started. These one-session lessons are adaptable for any grade and include a project idea. Get your whole school involved and simply TeachOne!		


October	Description	October	Description
International Day of Nonviolence (Oct 2)	This day of peace and non-violence provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace. internationaldayofpeace.org/	Make a Difference Day (Saturday late in October)	Guide youth to select issues they care about and do small kind acts that add up on this national day of service.
National Disability Awareness Month	Lesson plans build empathy and understanding of the strengths and abilities of people with physical and mental differences.	Anti-Bullying Awareness	Teach lessons to understand patterns of bullying behavior. Student awareness of the issue can help reduce negative behaviors.

November	Description	November	Description
Election Day (First Tuesday after the first Monday)	Learn about democracy and civic engagement , and advocate for voting as well as national and local issues.	Family Volunteer Day (Saturday before Thanksgiving)	Plan an event for families to volunteer together . Families that volunteer strengthen communication and bonds.
Veterans Day November 11	Veterans are doing service at the highest level – risking their lives for the common good. Discuss what it means to serve , and thank military people with cards.	Thanksgiving Day	Students reflect on what they are thankful for and how they can "pay it forward."
National Philanthropy Day November 15	Learn about the history of philanthropy – how it has enhanced our civic society, as well as what there still is to do.	#Teach1 for #GivingTuesday (Tuesday after Thanksgiving)	After a day of thanks, we have two days of shopping deals, and then we bring our attention back to generosity. Invite the teachers across the hall to TeachOne lesson about giving.

December	Description
Christmas Hanukkah Kwanzaa	In this season of giving , reflect on family traditions and explore why people give in different cultural traditions. Investigate why hunger and homelessness continue to be an issue.



January	Description	January	Description
New Year's Day January 1	Each year more than half of all people living in the U.S. make New Year Resolutions . Let's start a movement to include service and volunteerism on our list of New Year Resolutions.	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Learn the history of Civil Rights. TeachOne lesson and do a simple service project and reflection. Get your whole building talking about justice and diversity .
National Mentoring Month	Students mentor others to provide "them the chance they need to move forward and set their sights even higher ." And then those who are mentored will pay it forward.		

February	Description	March	Description
Black History Month	Learn about the philanthropic and civic work of famous African Americans in U.S. history.	March is Reading Month	Examine the root causes and effects on society of a lack of books and literacy . What are the needs in your community? Use the Learning to Give literature guides to explore themes of philanthropy in picture books and YA novels.
Random Acts of Kindness Week	Do something kind for someone else that doesn't expect it. Make a list of kind acts people can do. Challenge everyone at school to do 10 kind things this week . randomactsofkindness.org/	Women's History Month	Read about the courage, passion, and conviction of women philanthropists in history , especially related to voting and needs of children. What women today are leading change?
Valentine's Day February 14	Teach the knowledge and skills of kindness in the community. Art from the Heart lessons include ways to share art as a loving gift of talent for others.	World Water Day March 22	Focus student attention on the need for clean water and the science of water systems .
Presidents' Day	Explore the role of presidents in advancing social justice , human rights, and personal responsibility. Compare famous presidential quotes, laws, philanthropy, and calls to action.		

April	Description	May	Description
National Volunteer Week	A time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service . Find out the impact and the importance of volunteers – socially and financially. End the week with Earth Day.	Join Hands Day	Develop relationships between young people and adults through neighborhood volunteering. Youth and adults work together to plan, organize, and implement the day's activity which builds trust and respect, and creates a sense of community .
Earth Day April 22	Teach environmental stewardship through awareness, problem identification, problem solving, and team building. Four TeachOne lessons include a one-session lesson and a project idea.	Mother's Day	Advocate for children around the world by raising awareness of the needs of mothers and children .
Global Youth Service Day	Join the largest service event in the world that mobilizes millions of youth to improve their communities through service . gysd.org/	Memorial Day	Honor this holiday by recognizing the role of soldiers. Teach the role of patriotism and encourage students to volunteer and serve to benefit their community and country.

June	Description	June	Description
World Refugee Day June 20	Raise awareness and help support newly settled families and children in your community.	National Lemonade Days Early June	National Lemonade Days is a fundraiser that allows people of all ages to make a difference in the battle against childhood cancer .

