

# History of World Teacher's Day

## What do people do?

Teachers are the nation builders and considered as the backbone of a nation. Various events are arranged in many countries around the world on or around October 5. These include celebrations to honor teachers in general or those who have made a special contribution to a particular community. The day may also be marked by conferences emphasizing the importance of teachers and learning, extra training sessions for teachers, recruitment drives for the teaching profession among university students or other suitably qualified professionals and events to increase the profile of teachers and the role they play in the media.

Trade unions or other professional organizations that represent teachers play an important role in organizing World Teachers' Day events in many countries. These include:

- The Australian Education Union.
- The Canadian Teachers' Federation.
- The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (Canada).
- The All India Secondary Teachers' Federation.
- The Japan Teachers' Union.
- The Teachers Council (New Zealand).
- The National Union of Teachers (United Kingdom).
- The National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (United Kingdom).
- The National Education Association (United States).
- The Trainers' Association of Pakistan
- The Indus Foundation for Human Development

Moreover, international organizations such as TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Education International organize international, national and local events. In some areas posters are displayed and pupils and ex-pupils are encouraged to send e-cards or letters of appreciation to teachers who made a special or memorable contribution to their education.

## Public life

World Teachers' Day is a global observance and not a public holiday.

## Background

On October 5, 1966, the Special Intergovernmental Conference on the Status of Teachers in Paris, France, was closed and the "Recommendation concerning the

Status of Teachers" was signed by representatives of UNESCO and International Labour Organization. On October 12, 1997, the 29th session of UNESCO's General Conference was opened. During this conference, on November 11, 1997, the "Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel" was adopted.

On October 5, 1994, the first World Teachers' Day was held. This event has been organized on the same date each year since then. However, local events may be on some other date close to October 5, so that they do not fall during fall (northern hemisphere) or spring (southern hemisphere) school vacations. In 2002, Canada Post issued a postage stamp to commemorate World Teachers' Day.

## World Teachers' Day Observances

Weekday	Date	Year	Name	Holiday type	Where it is observed
Wed	Oct 5	1994	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Thu	Oct 5	1995	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Sat	Oct 5	1996	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Sun	Oct 5	1997	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Mon	Oct 5	1998	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Tue	Oct 5	1999	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Thu	Oct 5	2000	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Fri	Oct 5	2001	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Sat	Oct 5	2002	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Sun	Oct 5	2003	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Tue	Oct 5	2004	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Wed	Oct 5	2005	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Thu	Oct 5	2006	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Fri	Oct 5	2007	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Sun	Oct 5	2008	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Mon	Oct 5	2009	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Tue	Oct 5	2010	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Wed	Oct 5	2011	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Fri	Oct 5	2012	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Sat	Oct 5	2013	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Sun	Oct 5	2014	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	
Mon	Oct 5	2015	World Teachers' Day	United Nation day	

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