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In this issue:

Fall Calendar

Incorporate international holidays and celebrations into your classroom. In this issue, *Hemispheres* gives you the second six months of our world calendar. The first six months appeared in the Spring issue.

Teaching Ideas

We have included lesson ideas from two of our four regions. Look for new ideas in the Spring Issue.

Asia:

Brainstorm with your students "Why is Confucius's Birthday also called Teacher's Day?"

Borrow a story book on Confucianism from the Center for Asian Studies to use for class research to discover why his birthday is also known as Teacher's Day.

Have your students report on a figure from U.S. history whose birthday could also be celebrated as Teacher's Day.

Latin America:

Use both the Fall and Spring newsletter calendars to outline the history of independence in the Americas. What patterns emerge? Is there a geographical pattern? Is there a pattern dependent upon the colonial ruler? Were there common figures/heroes in the independence wars of various countries?

More information on holidays around the world can be found at the website 'Encyclopedia of Days' at
[<http://www.shagtown.com/days>](http://www.shagtown.com/days)

Upcoming Events

See page 5 for a listing of Hemispheres events scheduled throughout the upcoming year.

Feb. 13-16, 2002. ISSA. See back page for more details.

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HOLIDAYS AND NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD - FALL 2002

JULY

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| <p>1: Bank Employee's Day (Guatemala)
Half Year Bank Closing (Brunei & Taiwan)</p> <p>5: Independence Day (Venezuela, 1811)</p> <p>9: Independence Day (Argentina, 1816)</p> <p>10: Independence Day (Bahamas, 1973)</p> <p>13-15: Bon (Japan)
<i>A festival of Japanese Buddhists in memory of the dead. Observance involves lighting lanterns to guide the souls of the dead, who are believed to visit the Earth during this time. Dates vary from year to year.</i></p> | <p>17: Constitution Day (South Korea)
Ba'ath Revolution Day (Egypt)
<i>Commemorates the establishment of the Ba'athist regime in Iraq.</i></p> <p>20: Independence Day (Columbia, 1810)
Independence Recognition Day (Tunisia)</p> <p>23: Revolution Day (Egypt, 1952)
<i>Commemorates the overthrow of King Farouk by the Free Officers, led by Gamal Abdul Nasser, who later became President.</i></p> <p>28-29: Independence Day (Peru, 1821)</p> |
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AUGUST

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| <p>5: Independence Day (Jamaica, 1962)
<i>Celebrated on the first Monday in August. Dates vary from year to year.</i></p> <p>6: Hiroshima Peace Festival (Japan)
<i>A day for reflection on the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on this date in 1945. Observance includes prayers for world peace in Buddhist, Shinto, and Christian services.</i></p> <p>9: National Day (Singapore)</p> <p>10: Independence Day (Ecuador, 1809)</p> | <p>14: Independence Day (Pakistan, 1947)</p> <p>15: Independence Day (India, 1947)</p> <p>17: Independence Day (Indonesia)</p> <p>20: St. Stephen's Day (Hungary)
<i>Commemorates the coronation of King Stephen in 1000 AD.</i></p> <p>24: Independence Day (Ukraine, 1991)</p> <p>25: Independence Day (Uruguay, 1825)</p> |
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SEPTEMBER

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| <p>1: Independence Day (Libya)
Independence Day (Uzbekistan, 1991)
Slovak Constitution Day (1992)</p> <p>3: Independence Day (Qatar)</p> <p>7: Independence Day (Brazil, 1822)</p> <p>7-8: Rosh HaShanah
<i>Commemorates the Jewish New Year. Dates vary from year to year.</i></p> | <p>15: Respect for the Aged Day (Japan)</p> <p>16: Yom Kippur (Jewish Holiday)
Independence Day (Mexico, 1810)</p> <p>18: Independence Day (Chile, 1810)</p> <p>21: Independence Day (Belize, 1981)</p> <p>22: Mid-Autumn Festival (Taiwan)</p> |
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SEPTEMBER

11: New Year (Egypt)

First day of the new year according to the Coptic Christian Calendar. In ancient Egypt, New Year was celebrated at the time the River Nile flooded, which was near the end of September. The flooding of the Nile was very important because without it, the people would not have been able to grow crops in the dry desert.

15: Independence Day (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, 1821)

Commemorates the declaration of independence of Central America.

23: Autumnal Equinox Day (Japan)

It's a day not just to mark the changing of seasons but also to pay our respects to our deceased parents, grandparents, and other family members.

28: Confucius Birthday (Taiwan)

*A school holiday observed by morning ceremonies at a Confucian Temple. This day is also known as **Teacher's Day** to express reverence to China's most famous teacher.*

OCTOBER

2: Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti (India)

*Celebrates the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948), spiritual leader and promoter of civil disobedience and nonviolence. Also known as **Gandhi Day**.*

9: Hangul Day (South Korea)

Commemorates the Korean alphabet, Hangul, devised on this day by King Sejong of the Yi Dynasty in 1446. Hangul is a 24 letter phonetic alphabet.

10: Health Sports Day (Japan)

Parents attend athletic events at their children's schools. This public holiday commemorates the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

10: Double Ten Day (Taiwan)

Commemorates the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty in 1911.

12: Columbus Day (Latin America and the USA)

Commemorates the anniversary of Columbus landing at San Salvador Island in the Bahamas in 1492.

14: The October Revolution (Yemen)

Commemorates the revolts of 1962

25: Day of the Republic (Kazakhstan, 1990)

28: Founding of the Republic (Czech Republic, 1918)

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NOVEMBER**1: Chiang Kai-Shek Day (Taiwan)**

Birthday of Chiang Kai-Shek, president from 1948 to his death in 1975.

**3: Independence Day (Panama, 1903)
Culture Day (Japan)**

A day dedicated to promoting interest in freedom and culture.

4: Diwali (India, Sri Lanka, Guyana, Trinidad, Tobago)

Festival of lights symbolizing the victory of honesty and the lifting of spiritual darkness. It celebrates the victory of good over evil, and the glory of light.

7: Revolution Day (Pakistan)**Ramadan begins (Islamic Calendar)**

Commemorates the month in which the Koran was revealed to Mohammed. Observance involves prayer and abstention from food, drink, smoking, and sex, from sunrise to sundown. The first day of Ramadan is a holiday in many Islamic countries. Date varies from year to year.

9: Iqbal Day (Pakistan)

Celebrates the birthday of Allama Iqbal, philosopher and poet of Pakistan.

11: Independence Day (Poland, 1918)

On this day in 1918 Poland gained independence after 125 years of being partitioned between Prussia, Russia, and Austria.

14: Children's Day (India)**18: Independence Day (Morocco)****19: Birthday of Sultan Qaboos (Oman)****22: Independence Day (Lebanon)****28: Albanian Independence Day (1912)**

Turkish rule of Albania was ended with the Balkan War, after which a proclamation of independence was made.

29: Albanian Liberation Day (1944)

On this day in 1944, at the end of World War II, liberation from German and Italian troops was proclaimed.

Saint Andrew's Eve (Poland)

In Poland it is popular for young women to play Andrzejki, or Andrew's games, to discover who will get married during the year.

30: Hanukah ends (Jewish Calendar)

Date varies from year to year.

DECEMBER**1: National Day of Romania (1918)****Abolition of Armed Forces Day (Costa****Rica)**

Costa Rica's Army was abolished in December 1948 after anti-government forces took over following a dispute of the presidential election results.

2: National Day (United Arab Emirates)**12: Discovery of Haiti (1492)****16: National Day (Bahrain)****16-24: Posadas Day (Mexico)**

The Nine Day Before Christmas. A festival celebrated with processions that commemorate the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

17: National Day (Bhutan)

The first hereditary King of Bhutan was installed on this day in 1907.

21: Independence Day (Nepal, 1923)**23: Emperor's Birthday (Japan)****25: Christmas (Catholic, Protestant, Greek Orthodox Christians)****25: Constitution Day (Taiwan)****27: Constitution Day (North Korea)**

Upcoming List of Events

October 12, 2002

International Children's Festival; Sponsored by the Austin Children's Museum. Visit the Austin Children's Museum web site for more information on this event. <<http://www.austinkids.org>>
Please stop by the Hemispheres craft booth in the Palmer Events Center, Austin, TX to say Hello.

October 12, 2002

World Religions Tour: a TCSS Field Trip to three sites of worship in the Austin area. TCSS registrees can register for this event by visiting <<http://www.tcsc2002.com>>, click on *tours* in the left-hand side bar.

November 2, 2002

"Mythology and Folklore," K-12 Educator Workshop. Participants will learn about literary works from the four regions Hemispheres represents.

June 3-5, 2003

Annual Hemispheres' **Summer Institute.** Keep watching our web site for more information.

"FAITH, WORSHIP AND DEVOTION: WORLD RELIGIONS IN CENTRAL TEXAS."

Participants in Hemispheres' two-day workshop, "Faith, Worship and Devotion: World Religions in Central Texas," visited places of worship of four major world faiths as part of the workshop experience. In this picture, Father Aidan Keller of the Christian monastery of St. Hillarion in south Austin explains the tenets of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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AREA STUDIES RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS
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HEMISPHERES LISTSERV You can sign up to receive workshop announcements, and other information from the centers' outreach programs via this electronic distribution list. We also invite you to use this listserv to communicate with fellow teachers regarding area-studies issues. **To subscribe to the list visit the web page at:**
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Mark Your Calendars for the Second Annual International Studies Schools Association Conference

A four-day conference for elementary, middle and high school educators

The International Studies Schools Association (ISSA), in cooperation with The Stanley Foundation and Hemispheres, has tentatively scheduled its second annual conference for the weekend of **February 13-16, 2003**, in New Braunfels, TX.

The ISSA is designed to strengthen and facilitate the integration of international themes and geographic areas throughout the K-12 curriculum. The conference will highlight diverse content areas, discussion, resources, and networking with your peers. This will be an exciting learning opportunity for all educators interested in infusing world studies themes into their classrooms.

You can check out last year's agenda at <http://www.du.edu/issa>.

Please look for more details about the 2003 conference in the Hemispheres monthly listserv (subscription information is on page 5) or contact us at hemispheres@inic.utexas.edu. Also, feel free to contact George B. Brown, at 303-871-2405 or geobrown@du.edu, for more information about the association.

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