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AMERICAN  
EDUCATION  
WEEK 2020

The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week.

Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the cosponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.

**November 16 - Kickoff Day**

**November 17 - Parents Day**

**November 18 - Education Support Professionals Day**

**November 19 - Educator for a Day**

**November 20 - Substitute Educators Day**

American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

(Source: <https://www.nea.org/resource-library/american-education-week-november-16-20-2020>)



Happy Birthday to AnnMarie Arbore!!!  
November 17th  
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