



American Legion Auxiliary

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EDUCATION

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November 13-17 is American Education Week

A Little History

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

Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War 1 draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the National Education Association [NEA] and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly met in Des Moines, Iowa, and called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. The first observance of American Education Week occurred Dec 4-10, 1921 with the NEA and the American Legion as cosponsors. A year later the U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor and the PTA followed in 1938.

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have been there since the beginning. Let's show our schools and communities that we are still there for the education of our children and veterans. Let's make sure the scholarship information gets to the students. When going to the schools please wear something that shows you are American Legion Auxiliary.

Mon. Nov 13 Kick off day
Tues. Nov 14 Parent Day
Wed. Nov 15 Education Support Professionals Day
Thur. Nov 16 Educator for a day
Fri. Nov 17 Substitute Educators Day

Remember it take a village to raise a child. It takes an entire staff to educate a student. Don't forget the office staff, classroom support staff, nurse, janitors, lunchroom staff and bus drivers are just as important as the teachers.

Happy Thanksgiving
And
A Blessed Merry Christmas

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