

# Multi-cultural and Diversity

## NEWSLETTER

### Karva Chauth (Hindu)

Nov 1- A one day fast kept by married Hindu women for the well-being and longevity of their husbands. The husbands feed the first bite to their wives only after they see the moon.



### Bunka No Hi (Japan)

Nov 3- A national holiday dedicated to the love of freedom and promotion of Japanese culture.



### Veterans Day (USA)



Nov 11- It was first proclaimed as armistice Day in 1919, to commemorate the termination (at 11 AM on November 11, 1918) of World War I.

### Dia de los Muertos (Mexico)



Nov 2- This day is also known as the Day of the Dead. It is celebrated in parts of the United States and Central America. Families build altars in their homes surrounded with flowers, food and burning candles.

Hello November



## Diwali (Sikh and Hindu)



Nov 12- Diwali is also known as the 'Festival of Lights'. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". It lasts for five days.

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Nov 11-  
Remembrance Day

## More Events

- Nov 23-Thanksgiving Day (USA)
- Nov 24- Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (Sikh)

## SHICHI-GO-SAN



Nov 15- Prayers are offered for children's growth. The ages of three and five for boys, three and seven for girls are celebrated. On this day, children dress up in their gala dresses and go with their parents to a Shinto shrine to pay a visit to the tutelary deity. Children are given thousand-year candy which is red and white (auspicious colours) with crane and turtle illustrations (symbols of long life).

## Guru Nanak's Birthday (Sikh)



Nov 27- Guru Nanak was born in 1469 CE. He was the first of the Ten Gurus of the Sikh faith and founded Sikhism. An accomplished poet, 974 of his hymns are in the Sikh scriptures, the Shri Guru Granth Sahib.

## Lokash Jayanti (Jain)

Nov 27- This day commemorates the birth of a famous 15th century reformer, Lonka Saha, who opposed temple worship and use of images.

## RESOURCES

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Happy  
New Month



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