

Dr. Magdalena Ganas, Director of Curriculum and Professional Learning, requested that each school acknowledge and celebrate each of the historical events listed below:

September 2nd: World War II Remembrance Day: September 2, 1945 Japan formally surrendered to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri and President Truman declared Sept. 2nd to be Victory over Japan (VJ) Day.

- [World War II: Scholastic](#)
- [PBS: The War for Educators](#)

September 11th: 9/11 Remembrance: September 11, 2001, the United States suffered a terrorist attack resulting in the death of more than 3,000 Americans.

- [US Department of Education](#)
- [911 Memorial](#)
- [Understanding September 11th](#)
- [PBS 9/11 in the classroom](#)
- [The History Channel](#)

September 16th Citizenship Day/ September 17th: Constitution Day: A federal law enacted in December 2004 designates September 17 as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787. The federal law is included in Section 111 of Pub. L. 108-447 (Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005). It contains the following provision in Section 111(b): "**Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution.**"

Many excellent resources are available on why the Constitution was written, the structure of our federal government, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. Among these are:

- [National Constitution Center](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [Text of the Constitution and other primary documents relating to it](#)
- [Role of the Continental Congress during the Revolution, including relations with Native Americans](#)
- [The Center for Civic Education](#)
- [Discovering Justice](#) (at the Moakley Federal Courthouse, Boston)
- [First Amendment School](#)

A survey was sent to each school's FIC for a brief description of activities/projects planned to acknowledge each event.