



The  
**WATER  
COLOR**  
PROJECT

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The *Reliable One*®

2026  
**CALENDAR**





**PINAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**TEACHER: JOHN ORTIZ JR. PRINCIPAL: ADRIAN GREEN**

**PROTECT MOTHER NATURE**

**- ISABELLA VALLE VELEZ, GRADE 5**



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## THE WATER COLOR PROJECT IS CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF INSPIRING WATER CONSERVATION!

For two decades, the **Water Color Project**, sponsored by OUC—*The Reliable One*, has been sparking creativity and environmental awareness among Orange County students. This unique water conservation-themed art initiative teaches students the importance of protecting one of our most valuable natural resources through the power of art.

The project features two exciting components: an elementary school calendar art contest, where fourth and fifth graders create artwork inspired by water conservation lessons, and a rain barrel painting contest for middle and high school students that blends environmental education with hands-on creativity.

Now celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Water Color Project has reached more than 40,000 students across 100 schools. More than 3,000 free calendars are distributed each year.

By encouraging students at an early age to think critically about how we use and protect our drinking water, we're helping to shape a generation of environmentally conscious adults. For many, it's a first step toward becoming lifelong champions of sustainability.

Each participating school selects its top six entries for submission, and OUC employees have the honor of choosing 13 winning pieces to be featured in the annual calendar.

As we mark 20 years of creativity, education, and conservation, we invite you to enjoy this year's inspiring artwork and meaningful messages and remember that together we can **"paint a brighter future through water conservation."**

To learn more about OUC's water conservation efforts and discover ways to save water at home, visit [www.ouc.com/water](http://www.ouc.com/water).



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TEACHER: AMI PEREZ PRINCIPAL: DEREK KNAPPINS

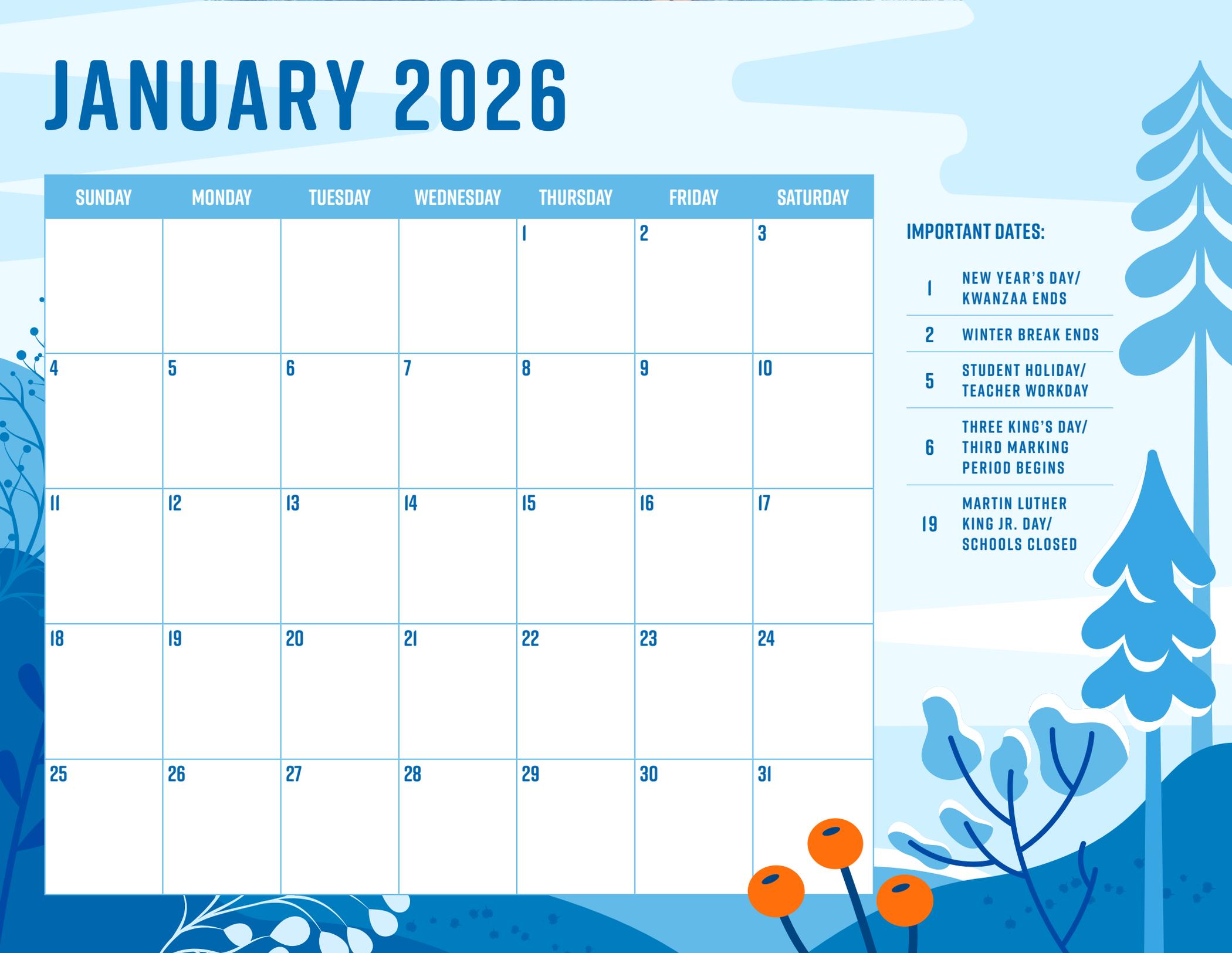
EVERY DROP OF WATER  
IS MAGIC  
- MILENA HERNANDEZ, GRADE 5

# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY/  
KWANZAA ENDS
- 2 WINTER BREAK ENDS
- 5 STUDENT HOLIDAY/  
TEACHER WORKDAY
- 6 THREE KING'S DAY/  
THIRD MARKING  
PERIOD BEGINS
- 19 MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. DAY/  
SCHOOLS CLOSED





ARBOR RIDGE K-8 SCHOOL

TEACHER: KATHERYN WIENERT

PRINCIPAL: VANESSA DEMARS

**EVERYONE NEEDS WATER,  
ONE DROP AT A TIME.**

- ARIANNA MERCADO, GRADE 5

# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

2 GROUNDHOG DAY

14 VALENTINE'S DAY

16 PRESIDENTS' DAY/  
SCHOOLS CLOSED

17 RAMADAN BEGINS





ENDEAVOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TEACHER: BRUNO RIBERON PRINCIPAL: SUGEILY DOLHON

SAVING WATER IS NO GAME!  
- ELLIOT XIE, GRADE 4

# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 8 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
- 12 THIRD MARKING PERIOD ENDS
- 13 STUDENT HOLIDAY/ TEACHER WORKDAY
- 16 SPRING BREAK BEGINS/ SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 19 RAMADAN ENDS
- 20 SPRING BREAK ENDS/ FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- 23 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD BEGINS



# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY/  
PASSOVER BEGINS
- 3 GOOD FRIDAY
- 5 EASTER SUNDAY
- 9 PASSOVER ENDS
- 15 TAX DAY
- 22 EARTH DAY/  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROFESSIONALS' DAY
- 24 ARBOR DAY/  
TEACHER  
PROFESSIONAL DAY/  
STUDENT HOLIDAY/  
TEACHER NON-WORKDAY

EVERY

DROPS

COUNTS



EAST LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TEACHER: ALLISON FIORE PRINCIPAL: ELIZABETH BOUNDS

EVERY DROP COUNTS.  
- ZACHARY PREMORRE, GRADE 5

# MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

5 CINCO DE MAYO

10 MOTHER'S DAY

16 ARMED FORCES DAY

25 MEMORIAL DAY/  
SCHOOLS CLOSED

27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/  
FOURTH MARKING  
PERIOD ENDS

28 POST PLANNING  
BEGINS

29 POST PLANNING ENDS



ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TEACHER: JESSICA SAVON PRINCIPAL: LATRICIA PINDER

SAVE WATER, SAVE EARTH  
- SERENA MIKULSKI, GRADE 5

# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

14 FLAG DAY

19 JUNETEENTH

21 FATHER'S DAY/  
FIRST DAY  
OF SUMMER





ARBOR RIDGE K-8 SCHOOL

TEACHER: KATHERYN WIENERT

PRINCIPAL: VANESSA DEMARS

EVERY DROP MAKES US BRIGHTER.

- SOPHIA WALDROP, GRADE 5

# JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

26 PARENTS' DAY



**WATERBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**TEACHER: MARIBEL VILLAFANE    PRINCIPAL: DR. ARSHA DOCK**

**SAVING THE WORLD'S  
WATER IS IN OUR HANDS  
- ORLANY PRIMERA LEON, GRADE 5**

# AUGUST 2026

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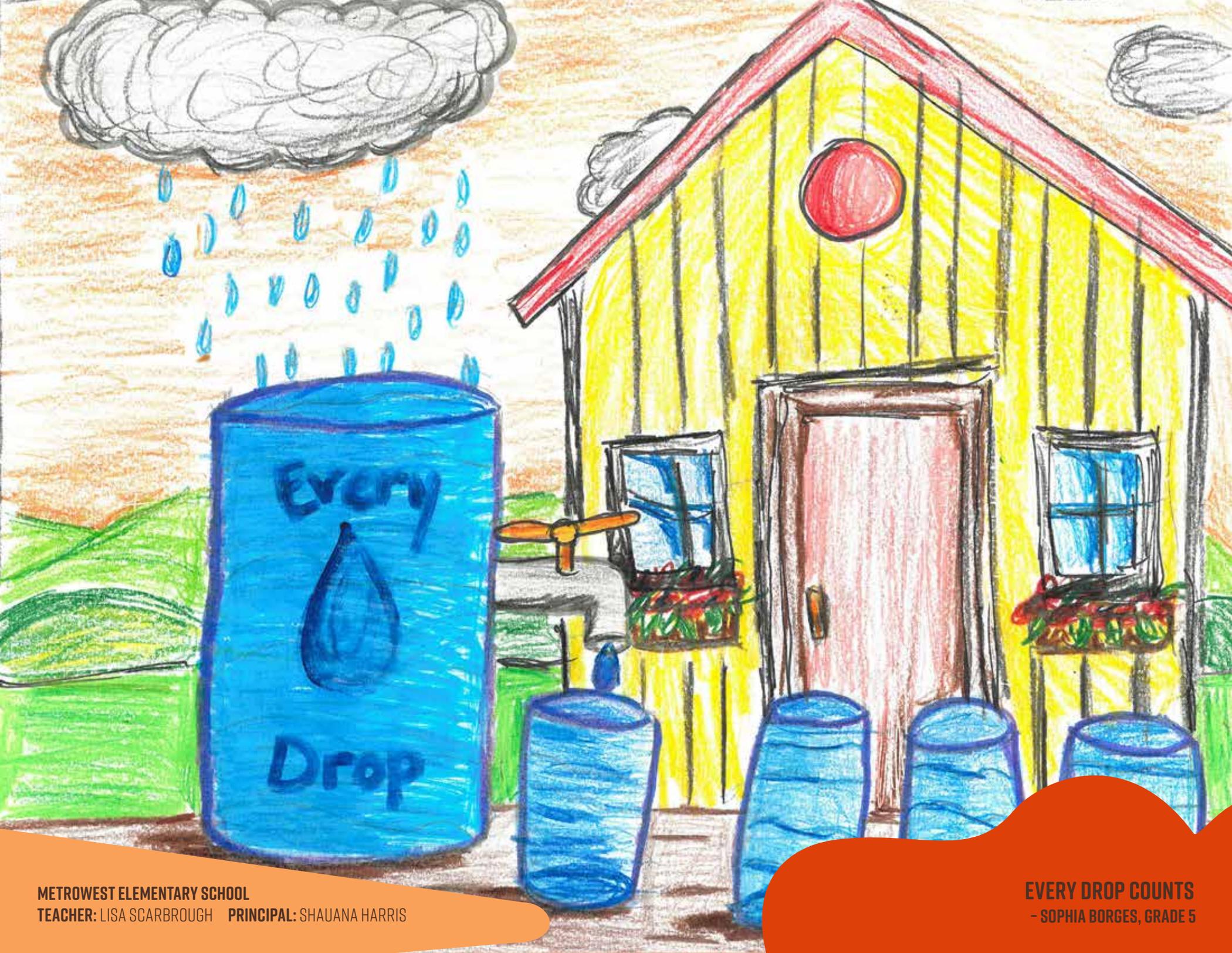
3 PRE-PLANNING STARTS

5 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

10 PRE-PLANNING ENDS

11 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL





# SEPTEMBER 2026

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 7 LABOR DAY/  
SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 11 PATRIOT DAY
- 13 NATIONAL  
GRANDPARENTS' DAY
- 20 YOM KIPPUR BEGINS
- 21 YOM KIPPUR ENDS
- 22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN



**WATER SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**TEACHER: SASHA MORITZ    PRINCIPAL: MARGARITA ZIZZA**

**KEEP THE WATER CLEAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**- MAIIA GUREEVA, GRADE 5**

# OCTOBER 2026

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

9 FIRST MARKING PERIOD ENDS

12 COLUMBUS DAY/  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY/  
STUDENT HOLIDAY/  
TEACHER WORKDAY

13 SECOND MARKING PERIOD BEGINS

31 HALLOWEEN



ALOMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TEACHER: AMBER BALLARD

PRINCIPAL: EBONI MONTENEGRO

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAVE OUR WATER

- KENNEDY SENCENBAUGH, GRADE 5

# NOVEMBER 2026

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
- 3 ELECTION DAY
- 11 VETERANS DAY
- 23 THANKSGIVING BREAK BEGINS
- 26 THANKSGIVING DAY
- 27 THANKSGIVING BREAK ENDS



BLANKNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TEACHER: AMI PEREZ PRINCIPAL: DEREK KNAPPINS

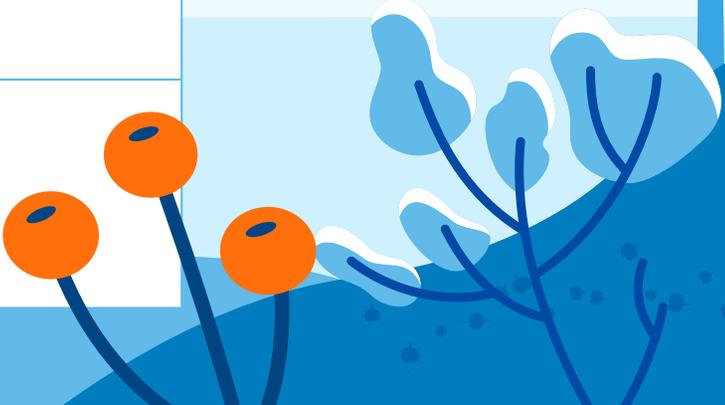
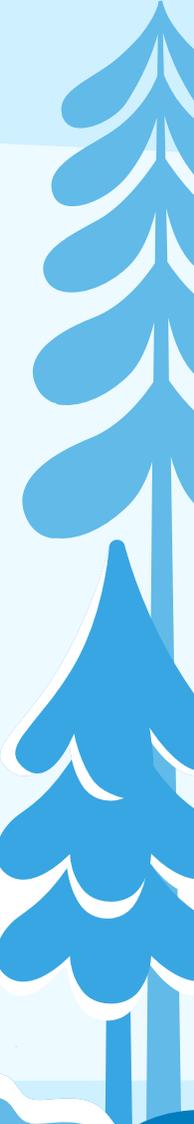
**WATER IS A GIFT, DON'T WASTE IT!**  
- EMILIA MERCADO-ARIAS, GRADE 5

# DECEMBER 2026

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 4 HANUKKAH BEGINS
- 7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
- 12 HANUKKAH ENDS
- 18 SECOND MARKING PERIOD ENDS
- 21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER/ WINTER BREAK BEGINS
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 26 KWANZAA BEGINS
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE





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