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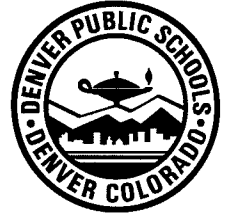
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To: All Principals/Department Managers

From: Carla Anthony

Please find attached the schedule of observed religious holidays for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year, as well as 2008-09. Please be advised that some holidays listed may fall on weekend days. Please also keep in mind that this calendar is to assist in planning activities and not to be copied and sent home with students.

Holidays are marked with asterisks to distinguish priority of observation. The priority descriptions are as follows:

*** = School district employees are encouraged not to schedule events (major exams, standardized tests, tryouts [teams, plays, etc.], proms, homecomings, elections, graduations, interscholastic games or athletic events) during these holidays.

** = Students/Teachers might observe this holiday. Such an absence would most likely be excused, provided the absence does not result in "undue hardship," for the school. Make-up privileges should be offered to students. Teachers and other employees should have personal time to cover this day off.

* = No scheduling restrictions apply to these holidays.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla Anthony". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

Carla Anthony
Chief Human Resources Officer

2008	2009	Observance	Description
3/16/08	4/5/09	Palm Sunday*	Christian Observance - Sunday before Easter
3/18/08	3/2/09	Orthodox Lent*	Beginning of Lent for Eastern/Orthodox Christians
3/21/08	3/10/09	Purim*	Jewish Observance
3/21/08	4/10/09	Good Friday**	Christian Observance
3/23/08	4/12/09	Easter***	Christian Observance
4/20/08	4/9/09	Pesach***	Jewish Observance – (Passover) 8 days
4/20/08	4/12/09	Orthodox	Observed by Eastern Orthodox – Sunday before Orthodox Easter
4/25/08	4/15/09	Pesach**	Jewish Observance – last day of Passover.
4/25/08	4/17/09	Orthodox	Observed by Eastern Orthodox
4/27/08	4/19/09	Pascha***	Orthodox Easter - Observed by Eastern Orthodox
5/1/08	5/21/09	Ascension Day*	Usually celebrated the Thursday after Easter – observed by Roman Catholics.
5/2/08	4/21/09	Yom HaSho'ah*	Jewish Observance
5/8/08	4/29/09	Yom HaAtzma'ah*	Jewish Observance
5/23/08	5/12/09	Lag B'Omer*	Jewish Observance
6/7/08	5/28/09	Orthodox Christian Ascension Day*	Observed by Eastern Orthodox
6/9/08	5/29/09	Shavuot**	Jewish Observance
9/2/08	8/22/09	First Day of*** Ramadan	Muslim Observance
9/30/08 10/1/08	9/19/09 9/20/09	Rosh Hashanah***	Jewish Observance – New Year
10/2/08	9/21/09	End of Ramadan***	Muslim Observance
10/9/08	9/28/09	Yom Kippur***	Jewish Observance – New Year
10/14/08	10/3/09	Sukkot**	Jewish Observance

10/21/08	10/10/09	Shemini Atzeret**	Jewish Observance
10/22/08	10/11/09	Simchat Torah**	Jewish Observance
12/9/08	11/28/09	Id al-Adha***	Muslim Observance
12/22/08	12/12/09	Chanukah***	Jewish Observance
12/25/08	12/25/09	Christmas***	Observed by Christians
12/26/08	12/26/09	Kwanzaa***	African-American observance (7days)
1/6/08	1/6/09	Epiphany – Orthodox Christmas***	Eastern Orthodox Observance
1/10/08	1/10/09	Al Hijra*	Muslim Observance
1/22/08	2/9/09	Tu Bishvat*	Jewish Observance
2/6/08	2/25/09	Ash Wednesday**	Catholic Observance