## Celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month in the Merrimack School District

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Start a rest routine. Sleep is important for mental health!	Start a 30 Day Meditation Challenge	18% of US adults have a Mental Health Illnesses	Wear lime green - the official color for mental health awareness!	Read <u>Back to Basics</u> and ask yourself - or someone you think <i>needs</i> to be asked, the questions from the reading.	Movie Night: Check out the Common Sense Media List	Listen to the 603 Stories Podcast
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day!  55 Incredible Mother's  Day Activities the Whole  Family Can Do Together	Participate in <u>A Week to</u> Change Direction 2022	John T. Broderick, Jr. Understanding the Youth Mental Health Crisis and How to Help our Children	Watch: It Takes a Village to Raise a Child   TED Talk	Why does Mental Health matter to you? Spend a few moments thinking about this.	Movie Night: Check out the Common Sense Media List	Visit <u>Seize the Awkward</u>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Before sleep, before the Monday returns, say a <u>Bedtime Affirmation</u>	Write a letter to someone letting them know how much they mean to you.	Read aloud	Check up on your mental health using <u>this self-</u> <u>assessment</u>	Take the #Fitness4Mind4Body Challenge	Movie Night: Check out the Common Sense Media List	It Takes a Village Event  10am - 1pm Camp Sargent/YMCA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Try a Mindful Breathing activity	Read this to learn about a new number you can call for Mental Health Support	Read, How I learned to parent my ADHD child	Name 3 things you are grateful for & encourage someone else to do the same	Read aloud	Movie Night: Check out the Common Sense Media List	Celebrate your family and engage in one of these 6 Mindful Activities You Can Do as a Family
29	30	31				
Try a <u>20 Minute</u> <u>Mediation</u> before bed	Memorial Day Visit the <u>Mindful</u> <u>Memorial Foundation</u> and learn how you can honor our fallen	Check in with yourself: What did you discover about mental health and mindfulness this month?		May	2022	

- May 1: Start a rest routine. Sleep is important for mental health!
- May 2: Start a 30 Day Meditation Challenge! <a href="https://declutterthemind.com/30-day-meditation-challenge/">https://declutterthemind.com/30-day-meditation-challenge/</a>
- May 3: 18% of US adults have a Mental Health Illnesses <a href="https://www.mhanational.org/mentalhealthfacts">https://www.mhanational.org/mentalhealthfacts</a>
- May 4: Wear lime green the official color for mental health awareness!
- May 5: Read Back to Basics and ask yourself or someone you think needs to be asked, the questions from the reading . https://mhanational.org/sites/default/files/MHM 2022 Back to Basics Drop-In Article.pdf
- May 6: Movie Night! Check out the Common Sense Media List https://tinyurl.com/CommonSenseMediaList
- May 7: Listen to the 603 Stories Podcast <a href="https://www.603stories.org/603-stories-podcast/">https://www.603stories.org/603-stories-podcast/</a>
- May 8: Mother's Day! 55 Incredible Mother's Day Activities the Whole Family Can Do Together <a href="https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/mothers-day/g4283/mothers-day-activities/">https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/mothers-day/g4283/mothers-day-activities/</a>
- May 9: Participate in A Week to Change Direction 2022 https://giveanhour.org/aweektochangedirection/#form
- May 10: John T. Broderick, Jr. Understanding the Youth Mental Health Crisis and How to Help our Children <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t56cgtTc11a0JNM5tqD2xrC\_UfTOd4Rr/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t56cgtTc11a0JNM5tqD2xrC\_UfTOd4Rr/view</a>
- May 11: It Takes a Village to Raise a Child TED Talk <a href="https://thewriteofyourlife.org/it-takes-a-village-to-raise-a-child/">https://thewriteofyourlife.org/it-takes-a-village-to-raise-a-child/</a>
- May 12: Why does Mental Health matter to you? Spend a few moments thinking about this.
- May 13: Movie Night! Check out the Common Sense Media List <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CommonSenseMediaList">https://tinyurl.com/CommonSenseMediaList</a>
- May 14: Visit Seize the Awkward https://seizetheawkward.org/
- May 15: Before sleep, before the Monday returns, say a Bedtime Affirmation <a href="https://rockitmama.com/bedtime-affirmations-for-kids/">https://rockitmama.com/bedtime-affirmations-for-kids/</a>
- May 16: Write a letter to someone letting them know how much they mean to you.
- May 17: Read Aloud <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=001f0fY5RWc&list=PLxf851zktYWIIKno7USt8THWCAkVCJRmi&index=33">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=001f0fY5RWc&list=PLxf851zktYWIIKno7USt8THWCAkVCJRmi&index=33</a>
- May 18: Check up on your mental health using this self-assessment https://screening.mhanational.org/screening-tools/
- May 19: Take the #Fitness4Mind4Body Challenge <a href="https://mhanational.org/fitness-4mind4body-exercise">https://mhanational.org/fitness-4mind4body-exercise</a>
- May 20: Movie Night! Check out the Common Sense Media List <a href="https://tinyurl.com/commonSenseMediaList">https://tinyurl.com/commonSenseMediaList</a>
- May 21: It Takes a Village Event Flyer <a href="https://tinyurl.com/521ItTakesAVillageFlyer">https://tinyurl.com/521ItTakesAVillageFlyer</a>
- May 22: Mindful Breathing Link https://www.oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/60663/overview?section=1
- May 23: Read this to learn about a new number you can call for Mental Health Support https://mhanational.org/sites/default/files/MHM 2022 988 Drop-In Article.pdf

- May 24: Read, How I learned to parent my ADHD child <a href="https://www.fuzzymama.com/how-to-parent-adhd-child/">https://www.fuzzymama.com/how-to-parent-adhd-child/</a>
- May 25: Name 3 things you are grateful for & encourage someone else to do the same
- May 26: Read Aloud <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=001f0fy5RWc&list=PLxf85IzktYWIIKno7USt8THWCAkVCJRmi&index=33">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=001f0fy5RWc&list=PLxf85IzktYWIIKno7USt8THWCAkVCJRmi&index=33</a>
- May 27: Movie Night! Check out the Common Sense Media List <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CommonSenseMediaList">https://tinyurl.com/CommonSenseMediaList</a>
- May 28: Read Aloud <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=001f0fY5RWc&list=PLxf85IzktYWIIKno7USt8THWCAkVCJRmi&index=33">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=001f0fY5RWc&list=PLxf85IzktYWIIKno7USt8THWCAkVCJRmi&index=33</a>
- May 29: 20 Minute Bedtime Meditation <a href="https://www.mindful.org/a-mindfulness-practice-for-better-sleep/">https://www.mindful.org/a-mindfulness-practice-for-better-sleep/</a>
- May 30: Mindful Memorial Foundation <a href="https://www.mindfulmemorialfoundation.org/">https://www.mindfulmemorialfoundation.org/</a>
- May 31: Check in with yourself: What did you discover about mental health and mindfulness this month?

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