



RAINBOW NEWS

DECEMBER 2020



THANK YOU FOR HONORING TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN OUR WORLD

Happy December Colleagues!

Wanted to give a shout out to all those educators who celebrated Trans Awareness Week in November with your students.

We'd also like to elevate the phenomenal work that many of our Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) student leaders shared with their schools to educate their peers about Trans Awareness Week and to honor the lives lost to violence on Transgender Day of Remembrance.

It's not too late ~ these resources can be used in your classrooms at any time!



MMSD HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRANS AWARENESS WEEK

- Cherokee's GSA made [this slideshow](#) and [awesome video](#)
- La Follette's GSA created [this slideshow](#)
- Toki's GSA designed this [slide](#) & [video news](#)
- Amira from Memorial's GEA created [this TDOR presentation](#)
- Many Elementary Schools shared these [lessons](#) and [books](#) with their classes

LGBTQIA+ IN MMSD NEWS:



SUPPORT GROUP FOR LGBTQIA+ BBIYOC

We are accepting referrals for MS/HS LGBTQIA+ youth of color who would like emotional support from a virtual FACE Kids group. Email Sherie @ shohs@madison.k12.wi.us



LGBTQIA+ INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM WANTED

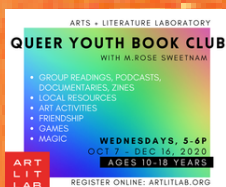
We are looking to highlight secondary lesson plans inclusive of intersectional LGBTQIA+ identities. Please share yours with Sherie @ shohs@madison.k12.wi.us



DISTRICTWIDE LGBTQIA+ TRAINING

We are thrilled to announce that we will have a virtual LGBTQ 101 training in partnership with OUT for Safe Schools as part of our district Race & Equity PD. STAY TUNED for more info!

LGBTQIA+ RESOURCES TO SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENTS



QUEER BOOK CLUB ~ LGBTQ+ KIDS QUARANTINED ~ TEENS LIKE US @ BRIARPATCH ~ SUPPORT GROUP FOR TRANS & NB YOUTH ~ GENDER SPECTRUM ~ Q CHAT SPACE ~ TREVOR PROJECT ~ MORE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND HERE!

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

12/1 ~ World AIDS Day

12/3 ~ International Day of
Persons with Disabilities

- [Mini-Lessons](#) from Special Olympics

12/7 ~ [Transparent Group](#)

12/14 ~ [Trans & NB Youth Group](#)



LGBTQIA+ IN ACTION



The Gender Equity Association at Memorial High School made this fantastic [LGBTQ 101 Toolkit](#) to educate youth & adults about LGBTQIA+ identities

Did you know?

MMSD has Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) clubs in 29 of our Schools ~ 12 at Elementary, 12 at Middle School, & 5 at High School

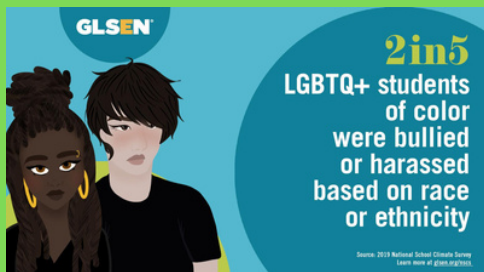


Did you know?

17 of our MMSD Schools are partnering with Welcoming Schools to make their school communities more inclusive spaces to learn & grow

TO KNOW:

NAT'L SCHOOL CLIMATE DATA (GLSEN)



~TO BOOKMARK~

- [LGBTQIA+ Youth Resources](#)
- [LGBTQIA+ Equity Website](#)
- [Welcoming Schools Website](#)
- [Inclusive Events Calendar 20-21](#)
- [Welcoming Schools Lessons & Resources for Virtual Learning](#)

~TO READ/DOWNLOAD~

- [Black Lives Matter Poster](#) from Teaching Tolerance
- [Trans & Nonbinary Kids Music Mix](#)
- [Courageous Conversations: Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, & more](#)
- [Inclusive Language & Environments](#)

~TO LEARN~

MTI CENTRS - SOCIAL & RACIAL JUSTICE SATURDAYS

★ 12/12, 10am-2pm

Intersectionality: School Practices with An Intersectional Lens ~

- Register [here!](#)



WELCOMING SCHOOLS WEDNESDAYS

★ 12/16, 1-2pm ~ Join Jennifer Herdina [via Zoom](#) from to access a new Welcoming Schools Lesson Plan focused on race.

- Each month will feature a new lesson that includes slides & a Seesaw activity!
- Participants will receive a FREE BOOK from the WS booklist: ["Books that Explore & Challenge Race"](#) booklist for attending.
- Lessons: Sulwe (K-2) & Ruth & the Green Book (3-5)

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