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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our March 2021 Newsletter!

DAY OF **PINK**
APRIL 14, 2021

Day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia, transphobia & transmisongyny across the world.

APRIL 14TH IS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK!

April 14th is Day of Pink. Day of Pink has been recognized internationally for over a decade, seeking to eradicate all forms of homophobic and transphobic bullying.

The initiative first began in Nova Scotia in 2007 to combat homophobic and transphobic bullying in school. Two students encouraged their school to wear pink shirts after they witnessed a student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. After this, it was recognized by other organizations and schools across Canada; for the next decade following, students have been wearing a pink shirt on every third Wednesday of April.

Anti-2SLGBTQ+ bullying has a serious negative impact on the well-being of queer and trans youth and our society more broadly. CCGSD aims to provide 2SLGBTQ+ inclusive programming that ensures that everyone feels respected and affirmed by their communities.

This year for Day of Pink, we've put together a digital booklet highlighting ways you can get involved in addressing and preventing bullying. Click here for the digital download!

2SLGBTQ+ HISTORY PROGRAM

PROGRAM UPDATES!

Canada

QUEER HISTORY PROGRAM: EXTENDED TO MAY 31ST, 2021!

CCGSD'S 2SLGBTQ+ History Program has greatly exceeded its goal of registrants with over 18,000 people signed up to receive resources to date! We're so glad that we've been able to connect students and educators to our resources to diversify history curriculums across Canada.

We're pleased to announce that the program has been extended! Folks are now able to use their resources by May 31st, 2021. We hope that this gives an opportunity for more folks to connect with these FREE kits just before the school year comes to a close!

For anyone who has signed up to receive a resource package, we will be mailing them out in mid-April.

Still haven't registered to receive your resources? Visit the Queer History Webpage to learn more and sign up! If you have any questions, email our Queer History Coordinator at commemorate@ccgsd-ccdgs.org.

SUPPORT CCGSD'S PROGRAMS!

TEAM EDUCATION

MONTHLY UPDATE ON OUR ONLINE WORKSHOPS!

Canada

QUEERING THE CURRICULUM AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Our Education Coordinator, Eliot Newton, presented a webinar at Western University's Teacher Candidate Conference Week in February. They'd like to take some time to reflect on the experience. Here's what they had to say!

"I was really grateful to speak at Western University's Teacher Candidate Conference Week in February. This is a topic the CCGSD has presented on before

but it's always one of the things I am most passionate about--queering curriculum outside of health class!

There's a common misconception that our queerness only comes out to play in discussions around sexuality, but I believe queerness is part of our journey as humans, and we should respect and celebrate its presence in all aspects of our lives.

We know that teaching diversity has a "window and mirror" effect--it's important to **reflect (**mirror) diversity for people who don't often see themselves, and important to provide a **window** to people who don't encounter or think about diversity in their daily lives. In this lecture, I talk about a "stoplight" method of teaching diversity in situations where you may have different amounts of latitude to discuss queer people and their contributions to the world.

We initially demoed this lecture at an American conference, where some school boards can be particularly restrictive--but Canada is not immune! I was grateful for 'candid' conversations with these teacher candidates (see what I did there) and look forward to continuing this conversation in future learning opportunities."

Interested in queering your curriculum? Use our workshop booking form or email Eliot to book a workshop!

"Questions You Can't Ask Your Gym Teacher"
Planned Parenthood Ottawa X CCGSD

Let's be honest: we've all had questions about sex, relationships, sexuality, or gender that we either couldn't ask in health class, either because it wasn't allowed or it just wasn't a safe enough place to. Well, CCGSD has teamed up with Planned Parenthood to answer all of your questions, and you don't even have to leave your home!

CCGSD's Education Coordinator, Eliot, will be chatting alongside PPO's Education Coordinator, Ceara on IG Live on **April 6th, 2021 at 6pm EST!** Here, you can ask us questions about gender, sexuality, sex, sexual health, or relationships!

Already have questions? Follow our Instagram pages (@ccgsd.ccdgs or @knowppottawa) and look out for a question box in our stories! Can't wait? Send us a DM! If you don't have one yet, you can ask your questions during the livestream.

See you next Tuesday!

UPDATES FROM DEBBIE

Our Executive Director, Debbie has been very busy with many advocacy activities with Dignity Network Canada this month! We are a proud member of Dignity Network, and Debbie was pleased to get to get involved with them during March.

This month, Debbie had a meeting with the Official Opposition Critic on Foreign Affairs Michael Chong's Office as an introductory call to Dignity Network Canada.

She also had an initial check-in meeting with Canadian ambassadors and embassy staff who are interested in SOGIESC (representation from the Embassy of Jordan, Embassy of Burkina Faso & Benin, Embassy of Spain, Embassy of Greece, Permanent Mission to the United Nation in New York, and High Commission of India).

Lastly, Debbie participated in a meeting with Minister Gould's Office to meet with the new Director of Policy to discuss organizational development at Dignity Network Canada and the ACTIF Fund.

Debbie and the CCGSD have been pleased to participate in such important advocacy initiatives, and are excited to take part in more in the future.

We hope that everyone is staying safe, healthy, and responsible during these times of uncertainty.

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