November is Native American Heritage Month!
Here are some ideas of what you could do in your classroom or at your school:

- Choose a new book by an Indigenous author from this list or this one to read with your class.
- Read this list of teaching tips for developing lessons about Native Peoples.
- Try out a free student-centered digital activity.
- Explore this collection of videos and art from PBS.
- Learn more about the history of Native American Heritage month or attend an official virtual event.
- Participate in the 21-Day Racial Equity Indigenous Challenge.

Calendar - November
(Source: Seramount)
November is:
- National Native American Heritage Month
- National Family Caregivers Month

For more information about the following events and holidays, click here:

November 1: All Saints’ Day, a Christian holiday honoring all Christian saints.
November 2: All Souls’ Day, a Christian holiday honoring those who have died.
November 1-November 2: Dia de los Muertos, a Mexican time of remembrance for dead ancestors.

November 4: Diwali, the Hindu, Jain and Sikh five-day festival of lights
November 5-6 (sundown to sundown): Birth of Báb, a Bahá’í holiday celebrating the birth of the prophet Báb.
November 6-7 (sundown to sundown): The birth of Bahá’u’lláh, the founder of the Bahá’í religion.
November 11: Veterans Day, a U.S. federal holiday honoring military veterans.
November 19: International Men’s Day.
November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance, memorializing those who have been killed as a result of transphobia.
November 21: Feast of Christ the King, a Catholic holiday
November 25: Thanksgiving in the United States.
November 26: Native American Heritage Day
November 28-December 6: Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday celebrating the victory of the Maccabees, or Israelites, over the Greek-Syrian ruler, Antiochus.
November 28-January 6: Nativity Fast, a period of abstinence and penance practiced by some sects of Christianity
November 28-December 24: Advent, a Christian season of celebration
November 30: St. Andrew’s Day, celebrated within various Christian denominations.

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NEC Diversity events

DEI Drop-in Group: Join us for our monthly meeting Monday, November 22, 3-4 pm. Check your email for reminder and zoom link!
NEC DEI Events: Nov 2 All-Staff PD Day Outside PD Opportunities: Join the mailing list to receive info about Outside PD.
Mailing List Link: tinyurl.com/nsecdiversity
Join our mailing list to get regular updates on DEI-themed PD, articles, videos and more!

DEI Keyword of the Month: Pronouns

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance. Learn more about it here, and see the shocking statistics of transgender violence here. One small way you can support the transgender and nonbinary members of our community is by educating yourself about pronouns. Have you noticed people list their pronouns on zoom or in an email signature? Read this handy guide to learn more about why people choose to list their pronouns, as well as the importance of using the right pronouns to refer to members of our community.

DEI in action: Hispanic Heritage Month in the Classroom!

At the Kevin O’Grady School, many staff members, including Bridgette Santo and Tracey Lavilotti, incorporated classroom activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, Sept 15 - Oct 15. Here are some photos they shared!

NEC Community Spotlight: 1st Consortium-Wide Ally Day for LGBTQ+ youth

Thursday October 21st - Wear Purple Day! We had participation across multiple schools in this event. Check out this Google Drive folder with several photos, and please send any photos you took on this day to Kristen so she can add them to the folder. Below is a sample of photos from TVA/STEP (left), and NSAU (right).

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