

DEI Committee NEWSLETTER



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

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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: Día 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.

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

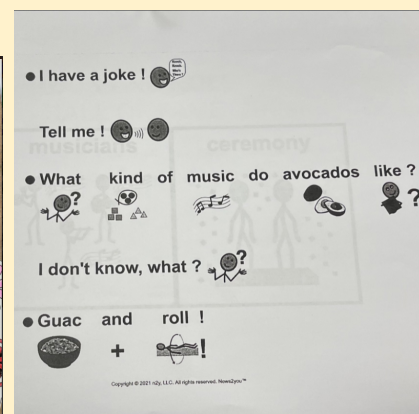
November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance.

[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!



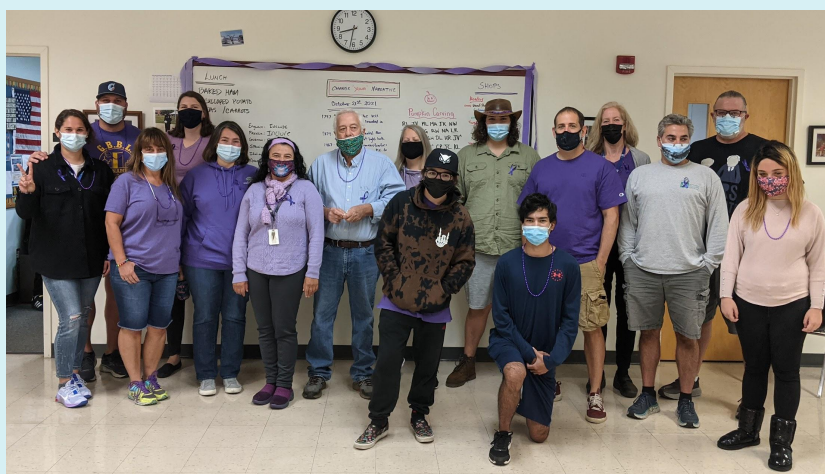
At the Kevin O'Grady School, many staff members, including Bridgette Santo and Tracey Lavilotti, incorporated classroom activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, Sept 15 - Oct 15. Here are some photos they shared!



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).



We are accepting submissions: [Contact us](#) to contribute to this newsletter in the future.