

BLACK HISTORY



INCLUSION



HUMAN RIGHTS



k^wu limt p cyqap

we are glad that you have arrived



*əts mistim k^wu alà? il' syilx^w
suk'naq'in tm'x^wula?x^w q'sàpi?
qapnà? uł tisx^wus*

*We know we are on syilx^w
Okanagan land long ago,
now, and always.*





enowkinwix^w Drop by drop, our brains become saturated with knowledge

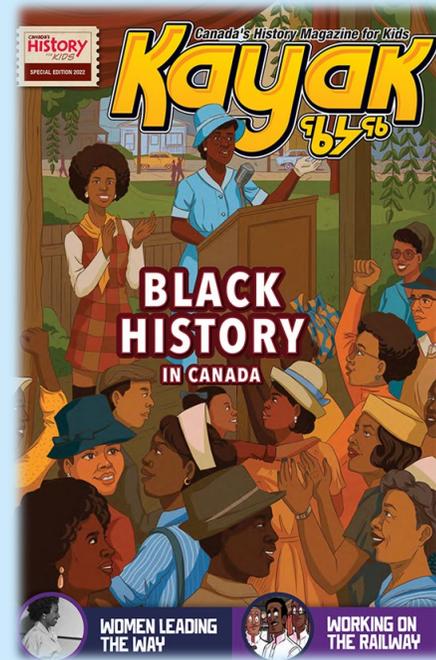
en'owkinwixw is based on a metaphorical image created by three syllables that make up the Okanagan word. The image is of liquid being absorbed drop by single drop through the head (mind). It refers to coming to understanding through a gentle integrative process. (Armstrong, 2009, para 2)



Resources



Click [here](#) for BC Black History Timeline. Click [here](#) for more BC Black History Information



Click [here](#) for Canada's History: Black History Educational Package. Resources are in English and French.



British Columbia's
**Office of the Human Rights
Commissioner**

Check out the Commissioner's Book Club [here](#). Monthly adult and children's book selections to help readers connect with human rights issues.



Focused Education evaluates print and digital learning resources, to support teachers with decision-making when selecting resources for classroom instruction. Click [here](#) to sign up.



Click [here](#) for Autism resources



Click [here](#) for FASD resources



Rick Hansen's has K-12 inclusive materials for educators.

Check [here](#) for **English**
Check [here](#) for **French**

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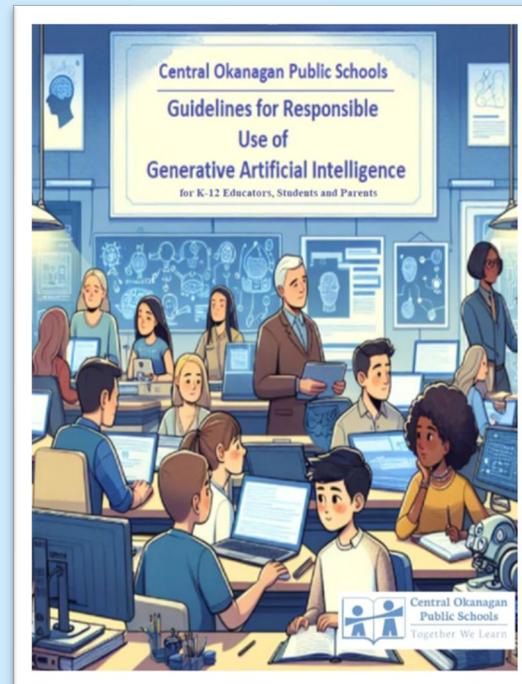
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to have poster, QR code for your class and
school. English and French available.



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TedX for Kelowna? Check
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of our students in Central
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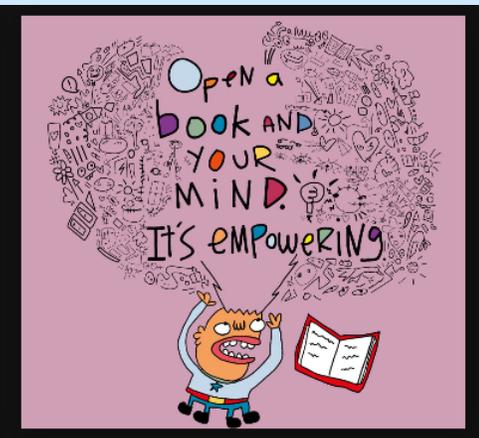
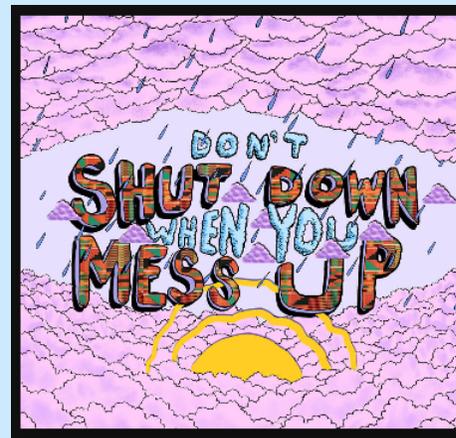
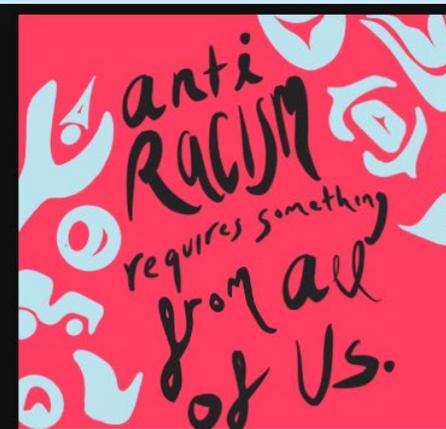
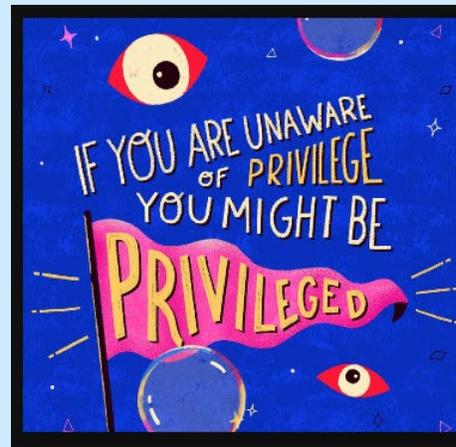


Pink Shirt Day is
February 25, 2026.
Click [here](#) for SEL
resources for the day.



Anti-Racism:
A Guide for
Teachers

Ministry of Education and Child Care



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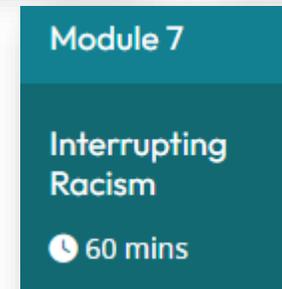
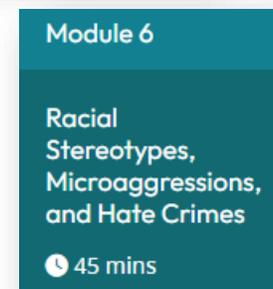
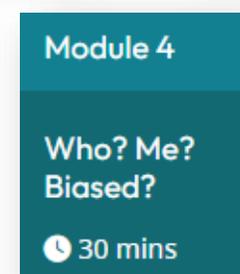
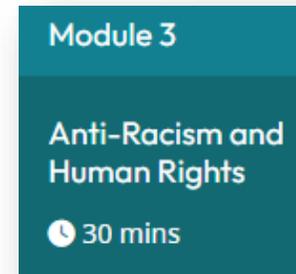
Did you know?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has launched [Learning to be Anti-Racist: An Introductory Course](#).

This introductory course is designed as professional learning to support everyone who works within British Columbia's education system.

You are invited to this [free, online course](#). It includes seven training modules designed to support and strengthen anti-racism learning environments across schools in B.C.

An idea for one of your next professional learning days.



Racism Response Guidelines

2025



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

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TRY OUT SOME INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

Strategy 1: Use Multiple Formats



Use different types of resources to honour the diversity of the students in your class: magazines, videos, websites, blogs, newspapers, audiobooks.

Strategy 2: Vary the Response Format



Let students show what they know through various means: music, painting portraits, acting out scenes, audio recordings.

Strategy 3: Use Visibly Random Grouping



Research shows that using partners and small groups create higher engagement levels and help students maintain attention.

TRY OUT SOME INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

Strategy 4: Use Accessible Media Features

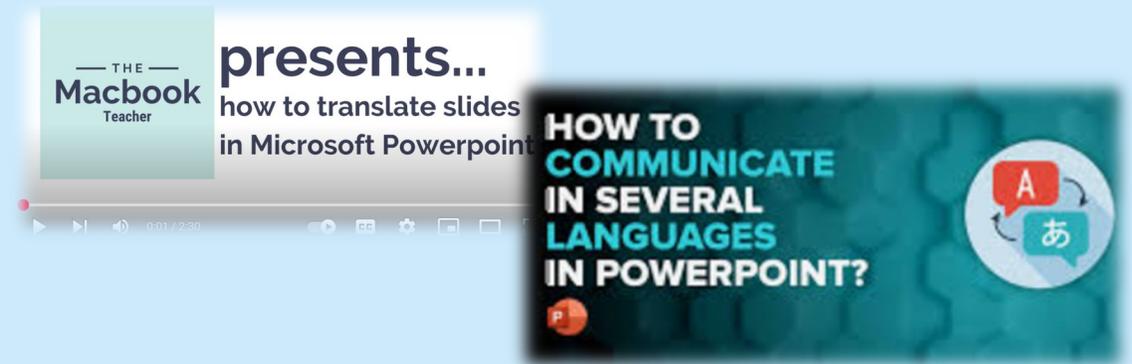


Click images above on this section to learn how to use the accessible media feature.

Picture above on left for CC any online video. Picture above on right tips for low vision students.

Website that has tips for teachers working with student that have [low vision](#).

Strategy 5: Use Different Languages for ELL Learners



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- When presenting any PowerPoint, did you know it will [CC what you are saying in multiple language](#)? Click picture on above on right to learn how.

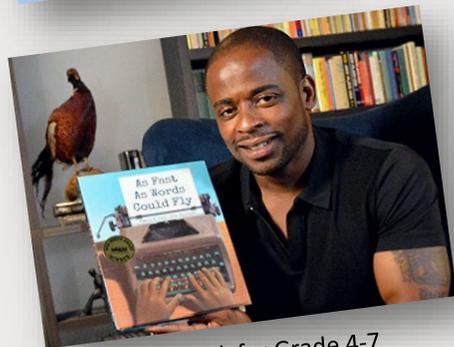
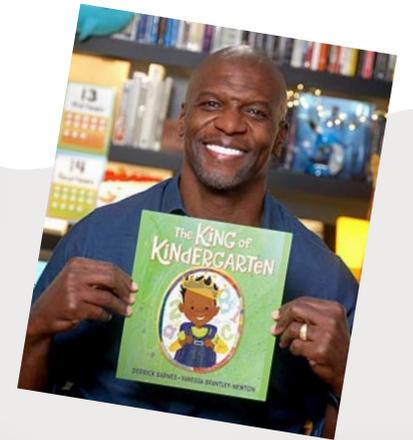
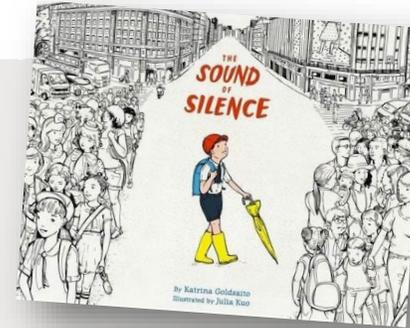
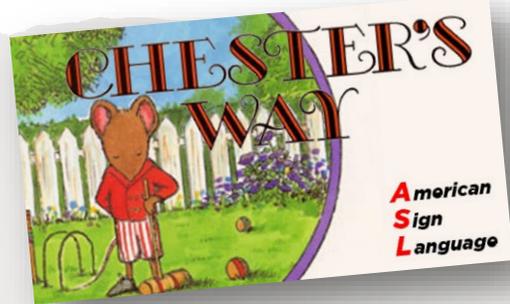
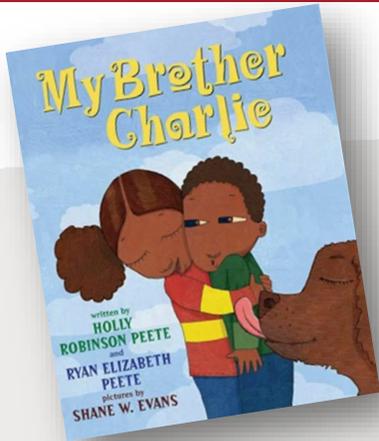
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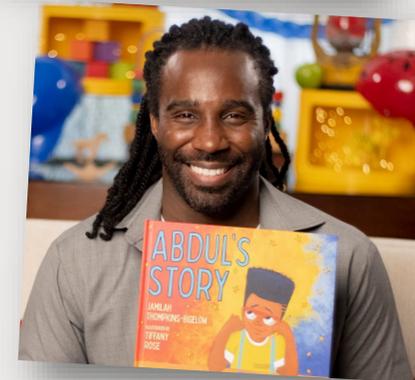
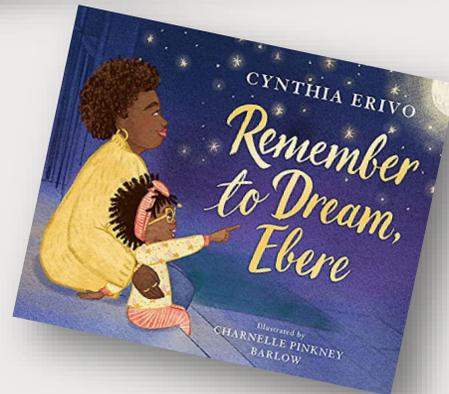
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- We encourage you to click each book for a read aloud



Book for Grade 4-7

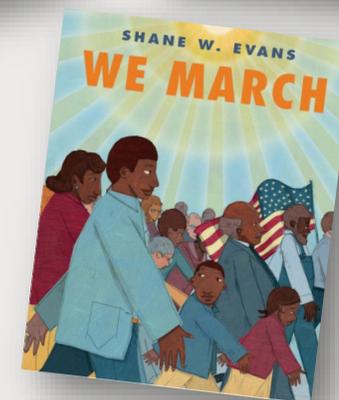
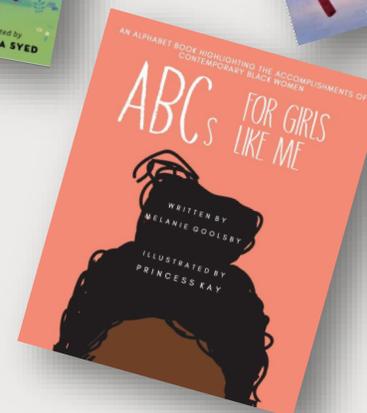
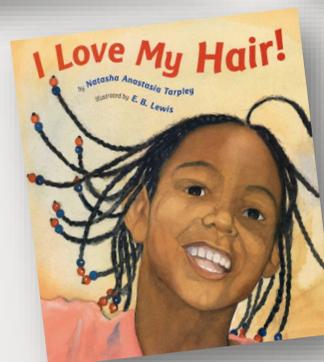
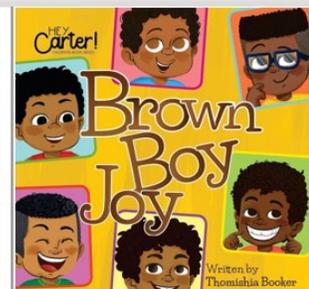
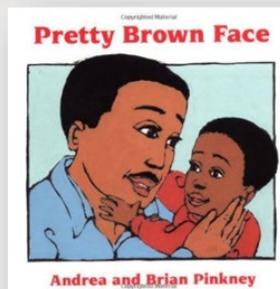
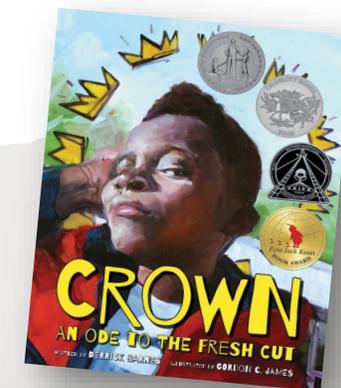
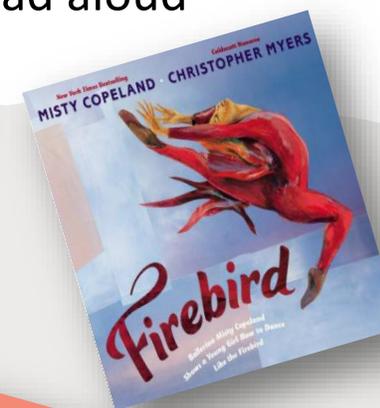
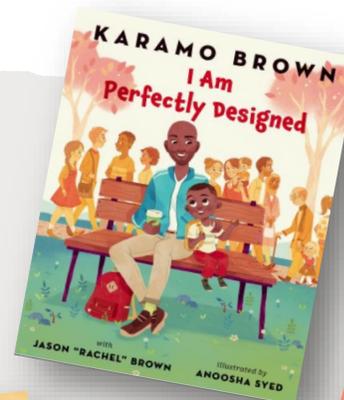
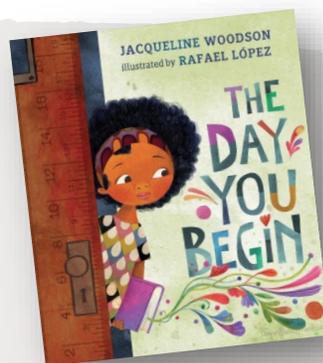
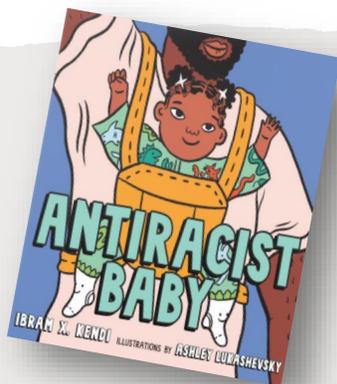
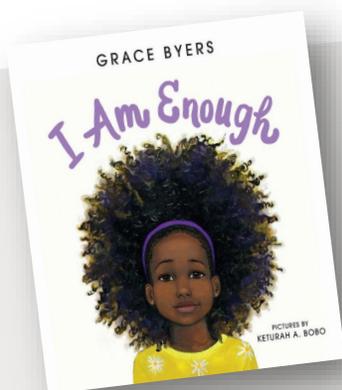


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BOOKMARKS

Celebrating Black Voices

- We encourage you to click each book for a read aloud



How to Participate in the February Calendar



Each slide will have a video. Some of the slides will have videos for [elementary](#) or [middle/secondary](#). Pick what video is right for your group.

We encourage you to utilize the closed captioning option in YouTube to provide students with multiple means of representation.

Each short film has a suggested activity or questions or create your own engagement strategies.

Create an ongoing lists with your class of famous people (past and present) for Black History and Inclusion Education. To assist you, names are on the bottom of each slide.

The students experience should reflect the diversity of the community in which they live, and whenever possible they should see themselves reflected in the lessons and materials. Themes of diversity, acceptance, and inclusion are embedded throughout all subjects in the curriculum, and they can be woven into cross-curricular activities.



February Calendar Daily Activities

Black Canadian History

February 2nd

“Black history is not just for
Black people – Black history
is Canadian history.”

- JEAN AUGUSTINE

BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH
#BlackHistoryOCSB



Click picture for video



Conversation:



1. How do these history makers uplift and inspire you?



2. Who is one history maker that stands out to you?



3. Create an ongoing class list of famous Black History makers past to current.

Black History Month – Jean Augustine, Politician

Yes – I Can!

February 3rd



Click picture for video

Conversation:

1. What do you see in this video? What sticks out the most to you?
2. What is this video celebrating?
3. What did you learn from the interviews at the end of the video?
4. Create an ongoing class list of famous people with diverse abilities and disabilities.

Inclusive Education Month – Rick Hansen, Canadian Athlete

Allyship

February 4th



Conversation:

1. **What are some ways you can display allyship?**
2. **Have people ever made assumptions about you?**

Children who grow up in spaces where diversity is cherished are able to easily embrace diversity in the world around them.

~ A. Beninghof

Click [elementary](#) or [middle/secondary](#) video

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Together We Learn



Representation Matters

February 5th



Wonders:

1. What makes you feel safe at school?
2. [Captikwl](#) - Why does story matter?

*Black History Month – Adeline Bird,
African-Indigenous author, filmmaker, and broadcaster*

Central Okanagan Public Schools
Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation
2025 – 2030

Nurturing Indigenous student success through the lens of equity

Together We Learn
Central Okanagan Public Schools
Indigenous Education

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Click [here](#) for Equity in Action Agreement

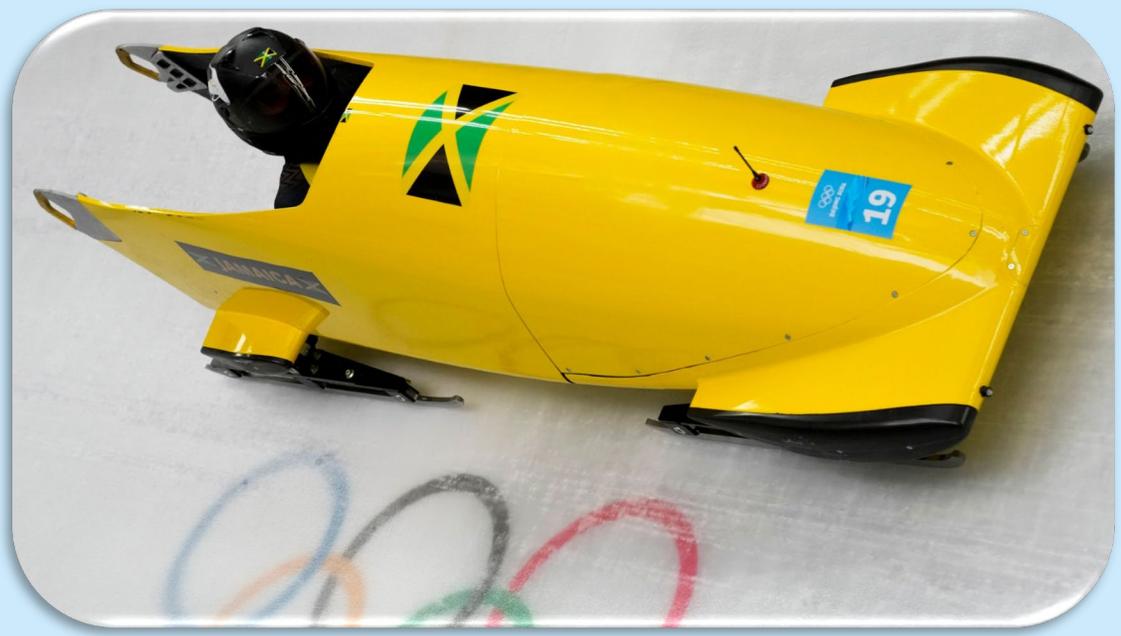


Unity

February 6th



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Click the picture to watch video #2

Conversation:

Why was today labelled Unity? The Winter Olympics starts today. Will you watch?

Did you know that Kelowna will be hosting the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in 2028? Will you attend? What sports would you like to watch?

Black History Month – Jerome Blake, Olympic Athlete (Kelowna, graduated from RSS)

Let's Talk About It

February 9th

Conversation:

1. Why are some questions harmful?
2. What is something you'd like to learn about someone who looks different than you?
3. How do you promote anti-racism daily?

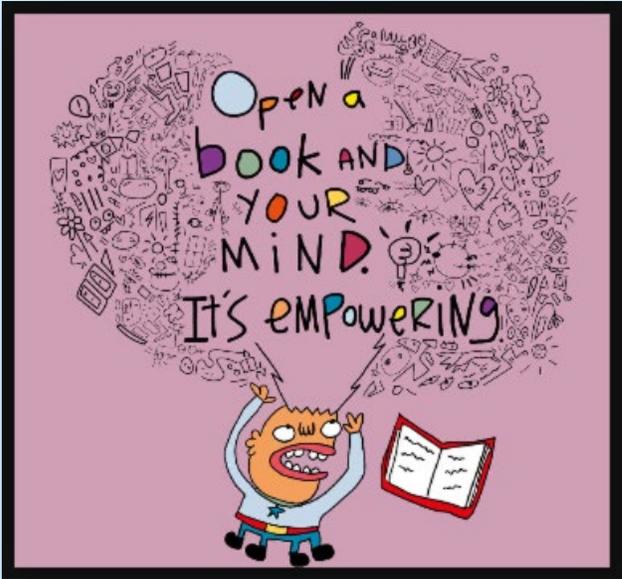


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Black History & Inclusive Education Month – Harry Belafonte, Singer, Actor, Dyslexic & Civil Rights Activist

Inclusion

February 10th

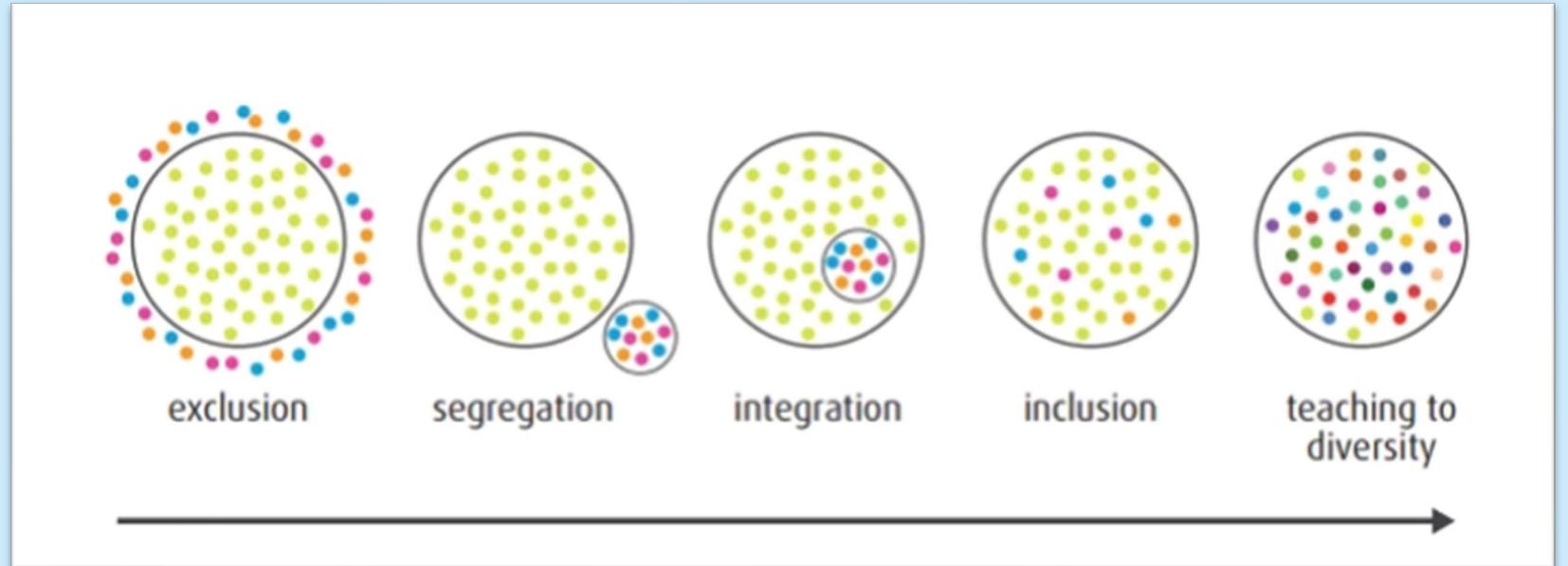


Click for [elementary](#) video

***Inclusive Education
Month –
Dr. Shelley Moore***

Wonders:

- 1. What is something that makes you uniquely you?**
- 2. What does the picture below mean to you?**



Click for [middle/secondary](#) video



Representation Matters

February 11th



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Conversation:

Why does representation matter?

How do both videos inspire you?



Click the picture to watch video #2

Inclusive Education Month – Terry Fox, Canadian Athlete and Humanitarian



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Wonders:

1. What makes you excited as a learner?

2. What have you taught yourself?

Black History Month – Heman Bekele, Scientist

February 13th

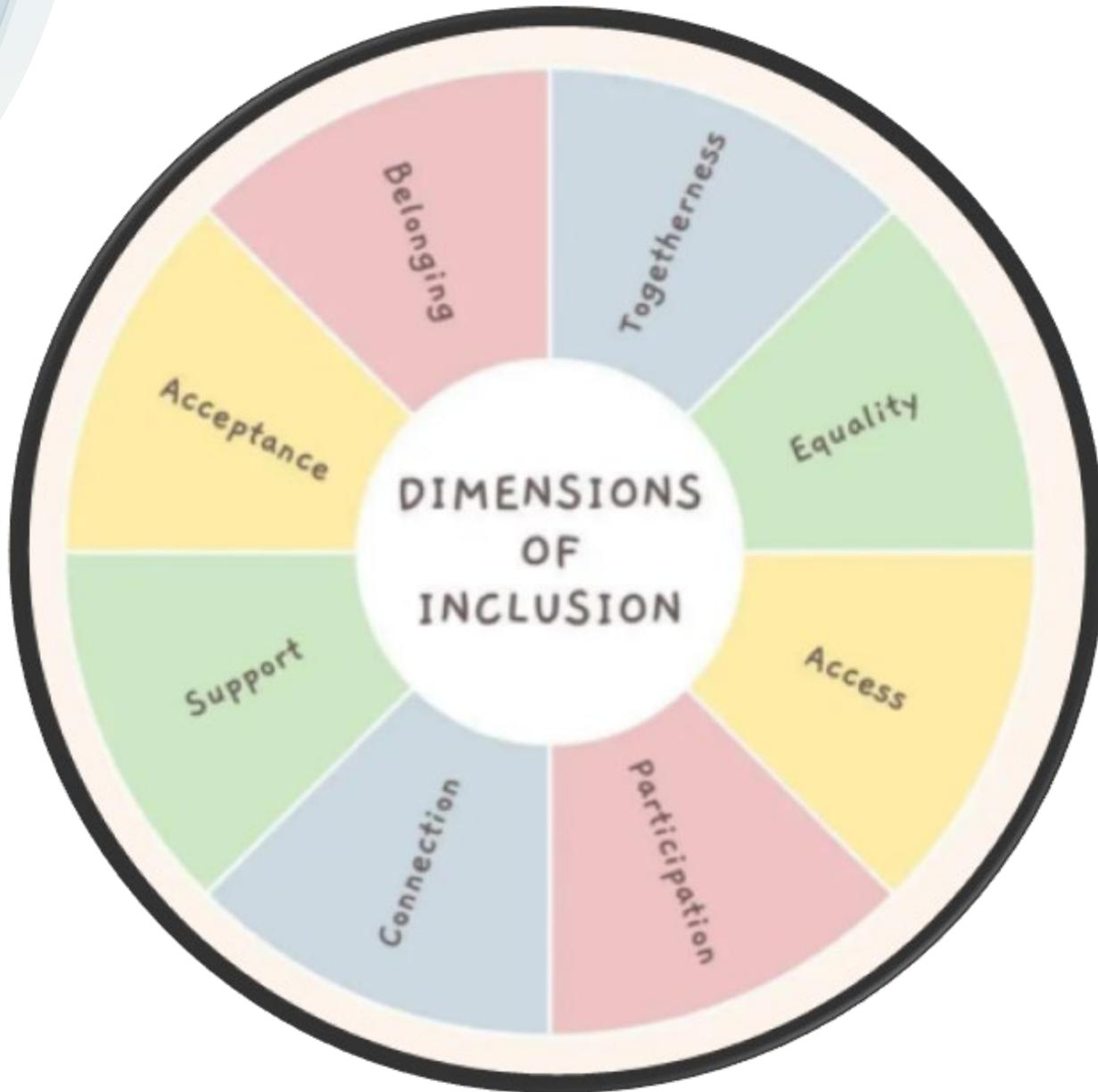
Professional Development Day

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In
DIVERSITY
there is
BEAUTY
and there is
STRENGTH.

- *Maya Angelou*





Family Day

February 16th



February 17th

Let's Talk About It



Conversation:

1. Why are some questions harmful?
2. What is something you'd like to learn about someone who looks different than you?
3. How do you promote anti-racism daily?

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Black History Month – Katherine Johnson, Mathematician NASA

A Different Type of Conversation

February 18th

Inclusion is



all day - every day!

Click this picture to watch video #1

*Inclusive Education Month –
Helen Keller,
American Author, Activist and Educator*

Reflections for both videos:

1. What did you learn?
2. What do you notice about inclusion in Video #2?

Learn Something New:

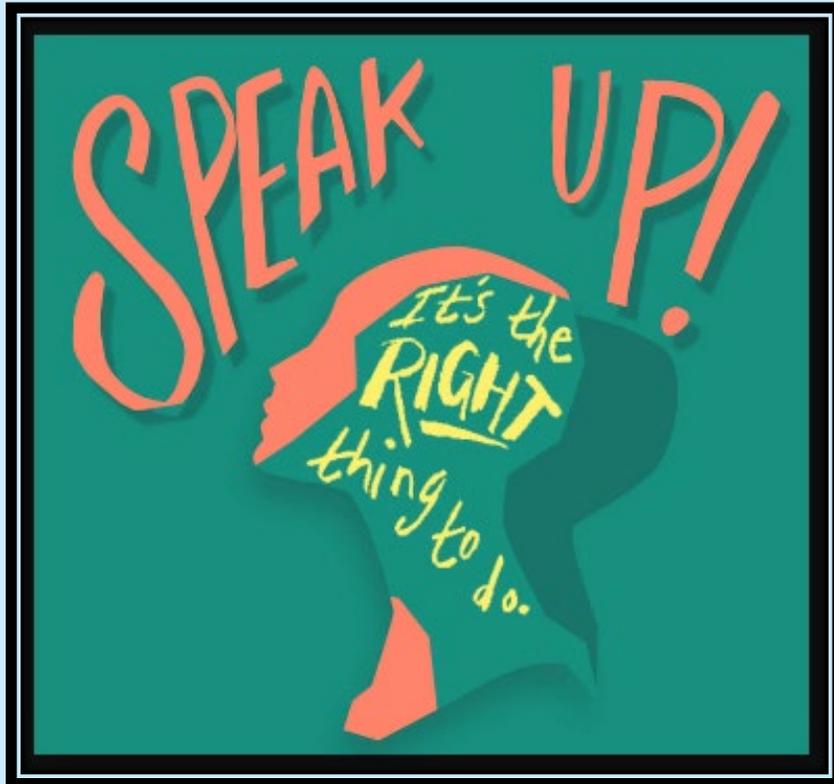
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Power of Inclusivity

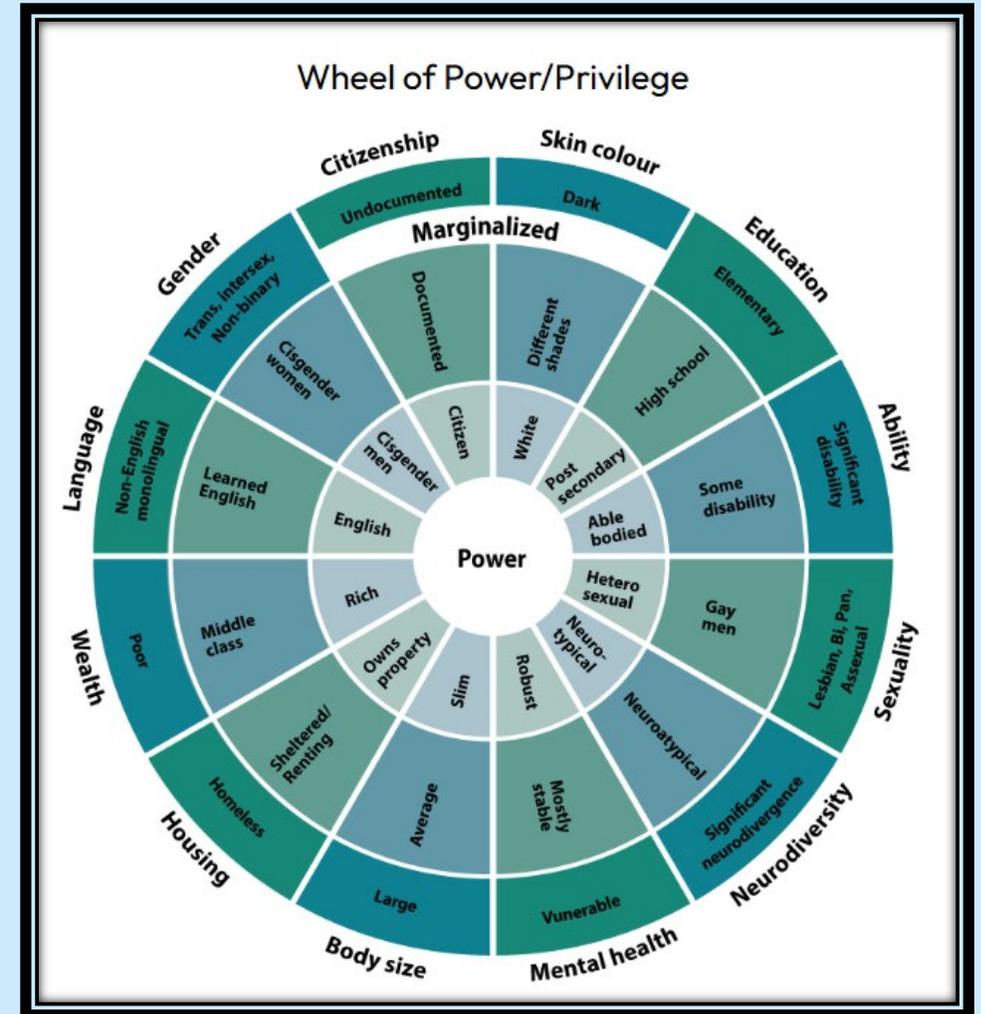
February 19th



Conversation:

- Have people made assumptions about you?
- Have you made assumptions about others?

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Black History Month – Bessie Coleman, African-Indigenous, Pilot

Representation Matters



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Conversation:

Why does representation matter?

How do both videos inspire you?

FEATURED ATHLETE



CYNTHIA APPIAH

BORN: May 15, 1990 (North York, Ontario - Canada)

SPORT: Bobsleigh

Cynthia Appiah was the backup brakewoman for Canada's bobsleigh team at PyeongChang 2018. It was so frustrating that she thought of quitting the sport. Instead, she trained to become a pilot. Learning two positions paid off—she finished 4th in the monobob at the World Championships. Now, Cynthia heads to Milano Cortina with her eyes on the podium and a chance to make Canadian bobsleigh history.

"I want to be a visual representation for children and youth, especially Black youth, that we belong in all sports, including winter ones."

— CYNTHIA APPIAH,
Team Canada Athlete - Beijing 2022

Click for [elementary](#) and [middle/secondary](#) video #2

Black History Month – Jarome & Tij Iginla, Professional Canadian Hockey Players

I Hope You Dance...

February 23rd



Click 1 for video 1



Click 2 for video 2



Click 3 for video 3



Click each number to watch three different videos for today

Wonders:

How many types of dances can you list? (Hint: think of styles and cultural)

After watching video 3, what dance would you do?

Black History Month – Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, Dancer, Actor, and Singer



Equality

February 24th



Conversation:

Why is equality important?

Why are we still talking about it today?

Click for [elementary](#) video



Click for [middle/secondary](#) video

Black History & Inclusive Education Month – Farida Bedwei, Scientist

Pink Shirt Day

February 25th



Conversation:

Pink Shirt Day is one way to show support. Can you think of other "shirt days" to show support?

Did you know that BC has a free anonymous reporting tool for students?

Where could you post this information around your school to help students?



Click the picture to watch video about how to use and what it is...

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Black History Month – JoJo Mason, Canadian Country Singer

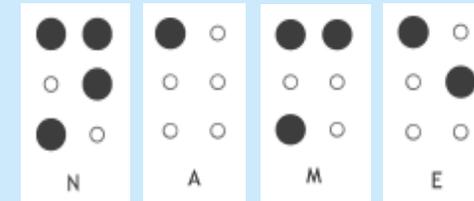
Accessibility

February 26th

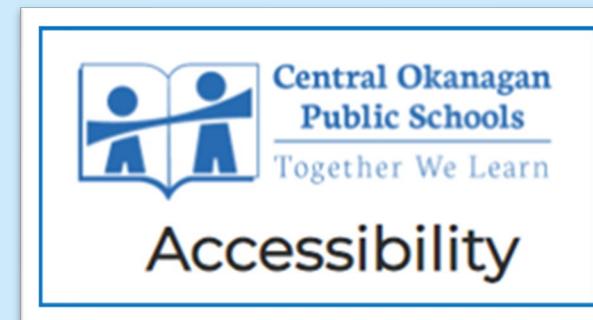
Conversation:

Have you ever heard, “put yourself in their shoes?” What does this mean to you after watching this video?

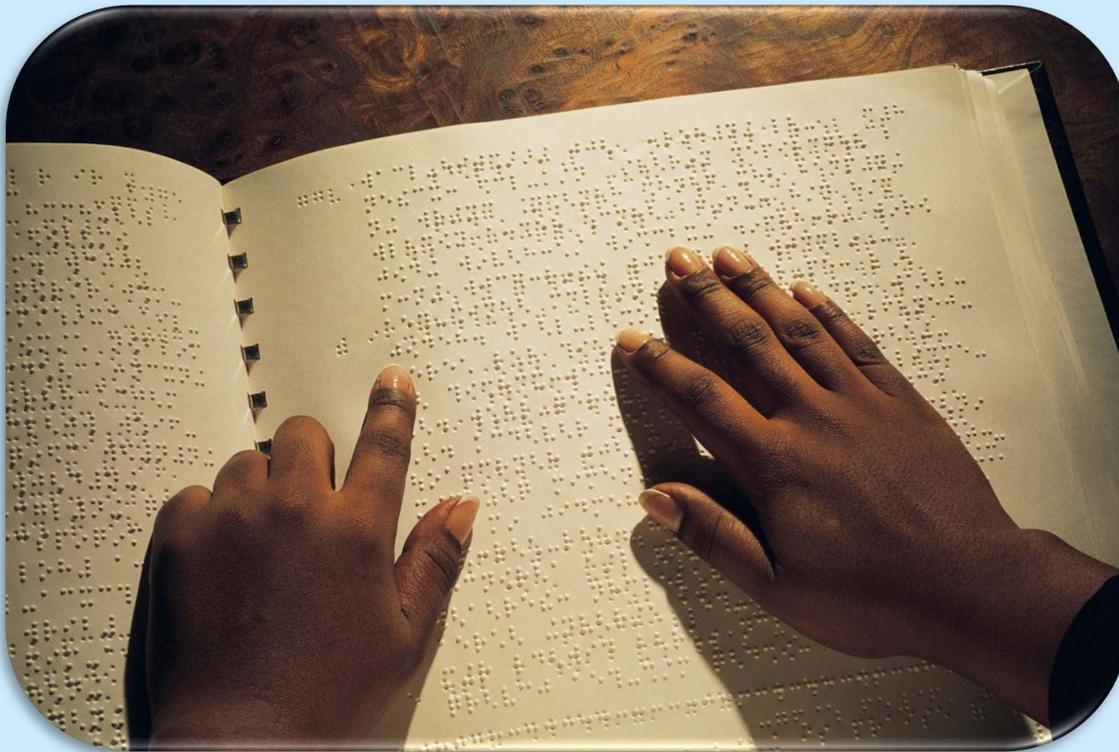
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Did you know SD#23 has an Accessibility Plan?



Click the picture to connect to the District Accessibility plan and give feedback



Click the picture to watch video

***Inclusive Education Month –
Marlee Matlin, Actress & Activist***

Stronger Together

February 27th



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Click the picture to watch video #2

Wonders:

1. **How can you be like the hummingbird to make positive can change in 2026?**
2. **How can we work together to create Harmony – all day, every day-Harmony 365?**

Black History Month – Bill Withers Singer and Musician

