

ATN NEWSLETTER

In a profession dominated by woman, we should learn to celebrate them!



DATES OF NOTE FOR MARCH

**All Month - Women's
History Month**

**March 8 - International
Women's Day (Theme:
#BreaktheBias)**

**March 15 - International
Day Against Police
Brutality**

**March 20 - Spring
Equinox**

**March 21 - International
Day for the Elimination
of Racial
Discrimination**



WELCOME TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

From the desks of the ATN

Welcome to our first issue of the Antiracist Teacher Network Newsletter. We are so glad to have you join in to begin or expand upon your Antiracism knowledge.

March is Women's History Month, a time to reflect on which stories we bring forward in our classrooms in our ongoing learning and how we are attempting to **#BreakTheBias**. As a group, we posed the question of:

How can we bring forward the voices of Canadian Women of Colour in our classrooms?

With **International Women's Day** arriving and passing on **March 8th**, it seems difficult to find the space to explore these stories but like every commemorative month, the work can be done on the day, month or throughout your school year and here are some ways you can explore this month's focus:



"Never limit yourself because of others' limited imaginations; never limit others because of your own limited imagination"
- Mae Jemison

OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!

K to 4 - Little Dreamers - Visionary

Women Around the World by Vashti Harrison

The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali

I Sang You Down from the Stars by Tasha Spillett-Sumner

Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All by Carolyn Choi and Chelsea Johnson

5 to 9 - Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World by Rachel Ignatosky

Fierce: Women Who Shaped Canada by Lisa Dalrymple

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

The Legend of Auntie Po by Shing Yin Khor

10 to 12 -

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

The Guided Ones by Namina Forna

EQUALITY

Reflection Question of the Month:
How could I bring forward (or continue to push) the voices of Canadian Women of Colour in my classroom?



COOL STUFF!

- [The Periodic Table of Canadian Women's History](#) developed by **Parents for Diversity** is an interactive activity that can be explored as a class or in small groups to capture Canadian Women's History
- The **Calgary Public Library** highlights the legacy of **Violet King Henry**, Canada's first Black Lawyer (and a Calgarian) in [this short video](#)
- You can bring forward the stories of **Virnetta Anderson** and **Chloe Cooley**. The Calgary Public Library has developed this [video for Virnetta Anderson](#) and a [Heritage Minute was released for Chloe Cooley this month](#) (**Content Warning: Graphic Depiction of Abduction**)

Interested in joining the Local 38 Anti-Racist Teachers Network?

Email LDECChair@ata38.ab.ca for more information!