ATN NEWSLETTER

Calling You In to Help You With Calling Out



DATES OF NOTE FOR FEBRUARY

All Month:
Black History Month
Theme: Black Excellence: A
Heritage to Celebrate; a
Future to Build

February 1st - World Hijab Day
February 10th - Lunar New
Year (Year of the Dragon)
February 11th - International
Day of Women and Girls in
Science
February 14th - Valentine's
Day

February 18th - International Asperger's Day

February 20th - World Day for

Social Justice

February 19 to 25th - Aromantic Spectrum

February 19th- Family Day February 20th - World Day of

Social Justice

February 21st - International Mother Language Day February 22nd - Pink Shirt Day

HOW DO I DISRUPT HARM I'M HEARING?

From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

Back in our December 2023 issue, we presented our readers with **Learning for Justice's Six Steps to Speak Up** to help redirect harmful conversations around the holiday season. Since then we've had a lot of inquiries around how to disrupt harm that we are hearing in our different spheres of influence.

We could go into the histories of Bystander Intervention: Green Dot's 3Ds to the now **5Ds of Bystander Intervention** (which you can check out over at <u>Right to Be</u>) or dive into the **11 Tips for Responding to Discrimination** (which can be found at the end of the **Edmonton Centre for Race and Culture's <u>Race and Respect guide</u>).**

The best place to start can be **Loretta J. Ross'** <u>Don't call people out --</u> <u>call them in</u> which reframes our understanding of how human rights work needs to move from calling out of fear to conversations. Since this TED Talk, there have been plenty of different guides around how to navigate Calling In vs Calling Out (in fact, here are a few of our favourites from <u>sh!ft</u>, <u>Harvard</u> and <u>The Ripple Effect Education</u>).

However, there are some aspects that often do not get considered in these guides like--How experienced are you in having these conversations? Are you a youth calling a friend in for the first time? Are you an administrator calling in a staff member so now there is a power dynamic? We may not have all the answers, but we hope this month's issue provides you with some resources to help prepare you for an inevitable call in or call out.







We recommend 53. All My Heroes Were Stolen From Me

We recommend **The Mic Was ON: BET** Recap

COOL STUFF!

- PROJECT ROCKIT created a quick video for youth focusing on What is calling in versus calling out which is a great starting point for engaging youth in these conversations.
- Learning for Justice provides the <u>Speaking Up</u> Without Tearing Down guide from Loretta J. Ross to help create a call in culture in your classroom
- Creative Equity Toolkit provides the Call out & call in racism guide with a variety of resources to filter for to help guide conversations
- MediaSmarts has developed <u>a lesson plan for Grade 6-</u> 8 on how to Call In and Call Out Racism both in person and online
- Teaching While White provides a valuable reflection on Calling Out vs Calling In as a white educator
- The University of Calgary provides a resource listing for Black History Month from classrooms to higher education
- POC Online Classroom is an open-source directory of resources made by marginalized communities for education on key topics like racism, white supremacy and racial violence. This is a valuable resource to explore to help build your own understanding before engaging in calling in or calling out.
- The Human Library Project and This is Table Talk provide structured programs for having discussions around experiences of discrimination, stigmatization and racism with understanding as a focus for collective calling in.



The Anti-Racist Teachers **Network Presents: Creating Anti-Racist Lessons**

Taking place **Friday February 16, 2024 at** 9am, you can register here!



OUR MONTLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN **Resource Bank!**

K-4

Say My Name by Jonna Ho The Hockey Jersey by Jael Richardson with Eve Perron

Two New Years by Richard Ho Skin Again by bell hooks and Chris Raschka The Awesome Kids Guide to Race by Shayla Reese Griffin

The Sum of Us (Adapted for Young Readers): How Racism Hurts Everyone by Heather McGhee

Fight Back by A.M. Dassu

A Kids Book About Systemic Racism by Jordan Thierry

stay up: racism, resistance, and reclaiming Black freedom by Khodi Dill

10-12

We Deserve Monuments by Jas Hammonds

The Talk by Darrin Bell

Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline

The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta

For Educators

A Different Booklist is an African-Canadian Bookstore platforming titles from the African & Caribbean diaspora, global South and small presses

Ratchetdemic: Reimagining Academic

Success by Dr. Christopher Emdin

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by

Isabel Wilkerson

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee



YYC BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

- Black Canadian Women in Action are hosting a <u>Black History Month Brunch</u> on February 3rd.
- Calgary Black Chambers & Heritage Park are hosting their 2nd Annual Black History
 Month Dinner on February 9th.
- The Military Museums and Calgary Foundation will have an exhibit on the <u>history of</u>
 Black Canadian Soldiers in WW1 starting February 2nd
- <u>Ethnik Festival of the Arts</u> will be running at the Telus Convention Centre on February 9th to 11th.
- SAMRU is hosting <u>The Scarborough Charter: A Conversation that Matters at MRU</u> on February 16th
- UNGANISHA: Explore. Connect. Dance. will be running on February 24th
- As part of **Chinook Blast**, the **Artists Pavillion** is hosting a variety of Black Performers at the beginning of the month
- YMCA Calgary is running a variety of free events throughout the month
- The Calgary Public Library is offering film screenings, special events and reading lists to highlight <u>Black History Month!</u>
- Action Dignity is hosting a free month long celebration of Black History Month



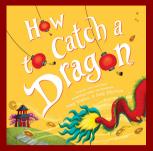
Books Celebrating Lunar New Year!



Friends are Friends
Forever

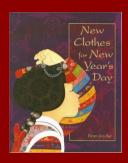


A Sweet New Year for Ren - Michelle Sterling



How to Catch a

Dragon
- Adam Wallace



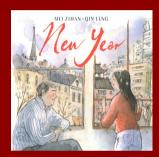
New Clothes for New Year's Day - Hyun-Joo Bae



- Dane Liu



Chloe's Lunar New Year - Lily LaMotte



New Year - Mei Zihan



Tomorrow is New Year's Day - Aram Kim



Playing with Lanterns



- Wang Yage



Grumpy New Year- Katrina Moore



Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas - Tasha Yum



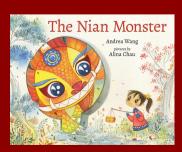
New Year - Rich Lo



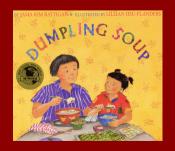
The Tray of Togetherness - Flo Leung



Dragons Roar Inside Me
- Kate Staves



The Nian Monster
- Andrea Wang



Dumpling Soup- Jama Kim Rattigan



Twelve in a Race
- Catherine Little