

If we could end hatred,

Imagine what more we could do



Multi-Cultural, National, and Religious Observances in March 2013

Month of March NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Dedicated to honoring women as significant agents of historical change.

Saturday-Wednesday March 2 - March 20

NINETEEN-DAY FAST * Bahá'í

Baha'is between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset and set aside time for prayer and meditation.

Friday, March 8

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide.

Sunday, March 10

MAHA SHIVARATRI * Hindu

Also called Shiva Ratri, it is the Great Festival of Shiva.

Wednesday, March 20

VERNAL EQUINOX

The date when night and day are nearly the same length. It marks the first day of the season of spring.

Thursday, March 21

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF

No Place for Hate Remembers Joanne Weaver Stroh, Abington's Ally Against Hate

No Place for Hate lost a staunch ally and supporter last week, with the passing of Joanne Weaver Stroh of Abington. Her work as the founder and long-time leader of Abington Township's Human Relations Commission made her an institution in the township. Year after year, for every personal dispute, neighborly disagreement or incident of racial tension, Joanne became involved and used her skills as a mother, teacher and school principal to make all sides know that neither intolerance nor violence were acceptable.

After years as a classroom teacher and then school principal in Abington, in 2001, Joanne undertook the task of bringing the newly created No Place for Hate program to Abington Township, which became one of the first No Place for Hate communities in Pennsylvania. She was one of the early recipients of Abington Township's prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award and the recipient of many other awards and accolades for her work in the community, including the very first ADL Barry Morrison Courageous Conversations Award. Joanne's zeal for social justice and her passion for community-building helped spread No Place for Hate throughout the Abington School District, Penn State Abington campus and the entire community. She was a dear partner in our work, and she will be missed.

Perfect Your Project

She Blinded Me with Science!:

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

Thursday, March 21

NOWRÚZ * Zoroastrian

Traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of Spring and the Iranian New Year. Also celebrated as New Year's Day in Baha'i tradition (Naw-Ruz).

Sunday, March 24

PALM SUNDAY * Christian

Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Tuesday-Monday, March 26 - April 1

PASSOVER/PESACH * Jewish

The eight-day "Feast of Unleavened Bread" celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

Sunday, March 31

EASTER * Christian

Known as Pascha in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

For more information, visit [ADL's Calendar of Observances](#)

Upcoming Resources and Events

Enter the No Place for Hate Student Video Contest Today!

Lights, Camera, Action! No Place for Hate is thrilled to host its Spring Video Contest! We invite every school to submit a student-created video by April 12 showing No Place for Hate in action on campus. Students of all ages will compete against others in their age group - Elementary (K-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12) - for the chance to win amazing prizes! Do not let your budding stars, screenwriters and directors miss out on this incredible opportunity to hone their skills, get recognition for their hard work, and broadcast the important

Bringing No Place for Hate and National Women's History Month into STEM Classrooms

From Susan B. Anthony to Zora Neale Hurston, women have contributed significantly to American history. In countless classes across the nation, students will spend the month of March heeding Abigail Adams' call to "remember the ladies," but this year, the National Women's History Project wants schools to focus on women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Learning about women in STEM fields provides a unique opportunity to address a number of No Place for Hate themes, including challenging stereotypes of women, exposing students to No Place for Hate in every classroom in the school, and encouraging critical thinking around issues of diversity.



Women have made important contributions to every STEM field, from Mary Ross designing rockets for NASA to Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal mapping the genome of HIV. Yet young women and girls in school still struggle to overcome the stereotypes that suggests they cannot compete with boys in math and science. According to a University of Washington study, girls as young as eight self-identify as weaker in math than their male peers. Many of these girls succumb to "stereotype threat" - the fear that they will fulfill stereotypes about themselves - and thus many young women turn away from STEM subjects to focus on other academic areas. By the eighth grade, according to the National Science Foundation, girls are half as interested as boys in pursuing STEM careers because of internalization of stereotype threat. By teaching your students about the incredible advances in science and math pioneered by women, such as Julia Morgan's architectural designs or Grace Murray Hopper's groundbreaking computer programming, girls and boys will gain a deeper appreciation for women in STEM fields.

message of No Place for Hate. Feel free to send this information to any faculty member or student that may be interested in spearheading your school's video. Please see the [Student Video Contest Guidelines](#) for more detailed information about the contest, and be sure to include signed [Contest Compliance](#) and [Video Release](#) forms when you submit your video. For more information, contact Jeremy at 215-568-2223 or jbannett@adl.org. Best of luck!

ADL's Making Diversity Count Offers Deep Discount to NPFH Educators

Making Diversity Count, ADL's award-winning online professional development tool for educators, is offering an amazing discount for teachers in No Place for Hate schools. Normally \$140, this special promotion will reduce the price to \$50 dollars for NPFH teachers and administrators. Take this interactive 9-module anti-bias course to learn strategies for addressing bullying, working in diverse classrooms, understanding the impact of identity on education, and much more. Making Diversity Count allows you to work at your own pace, interact with multimedia real-life classroom situations, hear the latest research from experts in the field, and develop an individualized action plan to bring anti-bias education into your classroom. Educators can earn Act 48 and other CEU credits for completing the course. Visit the [MDC website](#) or contact 215-568-2223 or jbannett@adl.org to learn more about this fantastic program.

Register for ADL's WALK Against Hate!

[Register now](#) for one of the best events of the year! ADL's third annual WALK Against Hate on Sunday, May 19, 2013 promises to be a fun and inspirational day. Mingle with guests at our Diversity Expo next to the Philadelphia



Nobel Prize-Winner Marie Curie

Oftentimes, schools spend a lot of time incorporating anti-bullying and anti-bias themes into guidance, Language Arts and Social Studies lessons - areas with natural content overlap with No Place for Hate. Unfortunately, many math, science and technology teachers cannot find places in their curricula that mesh with No Place for Hate. National Women's History Month provides the perfect opportunity for STEM educators to teach about diversity while covering course requirements. Teachers can use the discoveries and inventions of famous women in STEM occupations to teach required course material. Through activities that teach class content while directly sparking discussions about gender bias, STEM educators can contribute to No Place for Hate efforts in their school.

With important women in nearly every STEM field, educators can teach virtually any subject through the work of women scientists and mathematicians. Elementary or middle school science classes can explore animal behavior by introducing them to Dr. Dian Fossey, a primatologist who studied gorillas in Rwanda. After learning about her accomplishments and observation methods, teachers can take students outside or to the zoo to observe animals, and have them compare their observation techniques to Dr. Fossey's. Physics teachers can introduce their students to electrical or mechanical engineering by studying Dr. Helen Greiner, an engineer and roboticist, and then designing their own robots. Chemistry students can uncover the science behind the ozone hole when they research chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in the lab, following the experiments of Dr. Susan Solomon. In biology class, students can learn about Dr. Patricia Bath's ophthalmological inventions while discovering how the eye works. Math classes can teach algorithms and cryptology while learning about Dr. Jill Pipher, a leading American mathematician.

Museum of Art, enjoy fantastic performances, and show your support for ending hate with a 5K walk down Martin Luther King Drive. The WALK is a great way to get students, teachers, and parents to band together in a showing of diversity to make strides against bigotry and bias. Contact us about ways to make attendance at the WALK one of your No Place for Hate projects for the year. We hope to see you there!

Join the Million T-Shirt March



You are invited to take part in an exciting nation-wide anti-bullying rally: The Million T Shirt March Against Bullying. This unique event, taking place on May 2nd of this year, is being coordinated by the Dayton Ohio Exchange Club Foundation. It is designed to raise awareness about your bullying prevention efforts, raise funds for your school and raise funds for research and development for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Imagine the visual message all across the country with 1,000,000 or more students and adults all wearing the same shirt on the same day with the same message. "It's time to put an end to bullying." Please visit the website below for additional information and for instructions on how to participate.

<http://themilliontshirtmarch.com>

The Color of Science at the Franklin Institute



Hosted by the Franklin Institute,



Astronaut Mae Jemison

After completing the parts of the lesson that focus on course content, take a moment to directly address issues of gender bias in STEM fields. Ask students to analyze statistics of women going into these occupations. Have students discuss the possible struggles that female scientists and mathematicians have to overcome in their careers that men did not have to face. Offer extra credit to students who write a brief essay about the challenges these women had to surmount in their careers.

This March, STEM educators should consider celebrating the accomplishments of women in math and science as part of their school's No Place for Hate efforts. Not only can these lessons challenge preconceptions about women in STEM, it can reinforce the messages of No Place for Hate by exposing students to its themes in every classroom. Check out the National Women's History Project's 2013 Honorees and Nominees [here](#) for more bios of important women in STEM.

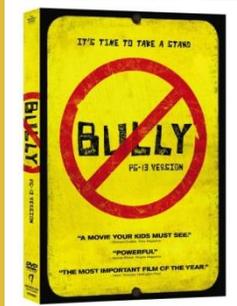
School Showcase

Seneca High School Keeps No Place for Hate Alive During Test Prep!

As the dreaded testing season rapidly approaches, schools are tempted to postpone No Place for Hate projects in order to make room for additional exam preparation. Seneca High School in the Lenape Regional High School District found a great way to balance increasing test prep without putting No Place for Hate on hiatus. After spending most class time on reading comprehension and writing strategies, Seneca's English teachers taught mini-lessons at the end of class about the importance of becoming allies in the fight against bullying. Students watched brief clips from Dateline episodes about bullying, and had in-depth discussions about the power of peer pressure and the influence of allies in social situations. Afterwards, students used this activity to further hone their test-taking skills by writing letters of support to targets of bullying, which were displayed around the school. Check out

"The Color of Science" provides a dynamic encounter with some of today's most exciting African American scientists, beginning with one-on-one interviews, and followed by an insightful and engaging discussion with you and our featured panelists. Come to the Franklin Institute on Friday, March 8 at 6 PM to enjoy this wonderful program. This is a free event, but registration is required. Please call 215.448.1200 to register.

Just Released: A Guide to Teaching the Film Bully



The film BULLY follows five stories of children and families who are affected deeply by bullying within the course of a school year. With intimate glimpses into homes, classrooms, cafeterias, and principals' offices, the film offers insight into the lives of bullied, ridiculed children. Historically, seemingly small instances of labeling and ridicule have catastrophic consequences for the marginalized groups involved. This film brings those "small" instances into the spotlight creating a space to discuss the effects of bullying. This newly released guide tells the personal stories of those bullied, and suggests that improving school climate takes fostering a reflective and engaging learning community. Download the free pdf and learn more [here](#).

the videos below and these [discussion questions](#), and consider doing a similar project in your school to keep the message of No Place for Hate relevant throughout testing season!

- Video 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyBTap2wudo>
- Video 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsBFVRWBu2g>
- Video 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yLqZanguJc>

Dallastown STRIVEs to Learn about Other Cultures through ADL's Multicultural Calendar

After reading the "ADL Multicultural Calendar of Observances" in the No Place for Hate newsletter each month, Dallastown STRIVE Academy in the Dallastown Area School District decided to delve more deeply into these diverse celebrations. Students researched the different days found on the full calendar, [found here](#), and learned fascinating things about people with different backgrounds and beliefs. Once they researched and shared their new knowledge, the students created three-dimensional paper dodecahedrons, with each side showcasing a different holiday's name, culturally-appropriate illustration and a brief description of the day. The teachers hung the dodecahedrons from the ceiling, and they add a new one every month to continue enlightening students about diversity in the United States and around the world.



Dallastown Area STRIVE Academy Multicultural Calendar Dodecahedron

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