

DEI IN OUR COMMUNITY

Celebrating connection, inclusion, belonging & learning across our schools

Burbank Council

PTA

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DEI IN ACTION



Soft Opening

Last year at Jefferson, they started implementing a 30-minute sensory- friendly early start to all events with no loud speakers and less people for people with different needs.



Bulletin Boards

Throughout the year, many schools use bulletin boards and shared spaces as an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the diverse cultures, communities, and observances represented in their school community.



Lunchtime Live

Luther PTSA's monthly lunchtime live series brings a variety of performers and cultural groups to campus, giving students an opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate the diversity of our community.

PTA SPOTLIGHT

1 Calm Corner

Jefferson had a Calm Corner at their back to school picnic. It provided a calm retreat for the kids who needed a break from the chaos with sensory supports, books, and visuals for managing emotions.



2 ASL Awareness

On Sept 30th BHS DEI worked with the ASL club to host a lunchtime event where students learned about ASL. They also worked on an interview for BHS TV which can be seen here: [starts at 4:45](#)

**in recognition of
Deaf World Day**

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Reading: *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas (YA)

Listen: [10 minutes to PTA](#)

Explore: *Puka's Little Moments* : a calm series for little ones.

Resource: [National PTA DEI Tool Kit](#)

IDEAS YOU CAN BRING TO YOUR SCHOOL

Does your principal or school have a yearly DEI calendar? If so, try to plan activities to support it. If not, check out this [awareness guideline](#) for ideas!

Does your library need more diverse reading material? Reach out to your local librarian and see what PTA can do to help!

WHAT'S COMING UP

Oct 7

Clean Air Day
Ride Burbank Bus,
Metrolink, & LA
Metro for Free

Oct 9

World Mental
Health Day

Oct 9-11

Roosevelt
Camping Trip @
Fort Tejon State
Historic Park

Nov 7

Jefferson
Culturefest

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DAY	EVENT	CULTURE
ALL MONTH	<u>Filipino American History Month</u>	United States
ALL MONTH	<u>German American Heritage Month</u>	United States
ALL MONTH	<u>Global Diversity Awareness Month</u>	United States
ALL MONTH	<u>Italian American Heritage Month</u>	United States
ALL MONTH	<u>LGBTQ History Month</u>	United States
ALL MONTH	<u>National Disability Employment Awareness Month</u>	United States
ALL MONTH	<u>Learning Disabilities Awareness Month</u>	United States
ALL MONTH	<u>Polish American Heritage Month</u>	United States
2 nd - 3 rd	<u>Shemini Atzeret</u>	Jewish
2 nd - 3 rd	<u>Simchat Torah</u>	Jewish
6 th	<u>German American Heritage Day</u>	United States
10 th	<u>World Mental Health Day</u>	International
11 th	<u>National Coming Out Day</u>	United States
11 th - 19 th	<u>Navaratri</u>	Hindu
12 th	<u>Indigenous Peoples' Day</u>	United States
18 th - 24 th	<u>United Against Hate Week</u>	United States
20 th	<u>Dussehra</u>	Hindu
31 st	<u>Halloween</u>	United States