

LGBTQ+ HISTORY

OCTOBER 1ST - 31ST



- LGBTQ+ stands for **lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer.**
- LGBT History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. It was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson who believed a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history, and gathered other teachers and community leaders.
- October was chosen by Wilson as the month for the celebration because the first and second LGBT Marches on Washington, in 1979 and 1987, were in October; National Coming Out Day is on 11 October, and October is within the academic calendar year.
- Other dates of importance to remember:
 - [National Coming Out Day](#) on October 11
 - Spirit Day on October 20, when people wear purple in support of LGBT youth
 - Solidarity Week, November 7-11
 - Solidarity Week is a student-powered campaign dedicated to building collective support for LGBTQ+ students and educators. This week-long program helps people learn about and practice solidarity with different identities. (www.allyweek.com)
 - The anniversary of Matthew Shepard's murder on Oct. 12, 1998, which sparked the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.
- LGBT History Month was endorsed by GLAAD, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Education Association and other national organizations.
- What is the difference between LGBT History Month and Pride Month?
 - The holiday is celebrated in June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots. On the other hand, LGBT History Month is meant to teach about historic figures and their contributions to the world.
- The [GLSEN 2019 National School Climate Survey](#) report includes information on LGBTQ middle and high school students' experiences, including:
 - Hearing biased language, from both students and educators
 - Experiences of harassment and assault
 - Anti-LGBTQ discrimination
 - Effects of a hostile school climate on educational outcomes and psychological well-being
 - The availability and utility of supportive school resourcesThe survey has consistently indicated that specific school-based resources are related to a safer and more inclusive school climate, including:
 - Supportive educators
 - LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum

- Inclusive and supportive policies
- Supportive student clubs, such as Gender and Sexuality Alliances (GSAs).
- According to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) we know that supporting and affirming LGBTQ+ youth are the best actions mental health providers, families, friends, school personnel, and community leaders can take.
 - Strong evidence shows that family acceptance helps protect against depression, suicidal behavior, and substance use as well as promote self-esteem, social support, and overall health experience for LGBTQ+ youth.
 - We also know that family rejection can lead to significant inequities in LGBTQ+ youth behavioral health. LGBTQ+ young adults who reported high levels of family rejection during adolescence were:
 - 8.4 times more likely to report having attempted suicide
 - 5.9 times more likely to report high levels of depression; and
 - 3.4 times more likely to use illegal drugs





FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACTS

- As a district, we have participated in the past 3 **PRIDE** events which are held in June.
- Currently, **7 (of 12)** middle schools have a GSA club (Gay Straight Alliance)
- **100%** of our high schools (including TLC & VLA/Success) have GSA
- We have **Student Efficacy Leads** in each high school who will serve as liaisons between the UBSE office and their school. Leads will work to provide healthy & safe spaces for LGBTQ students/staff and allies, provide professional development, and training that supports LGBTQ students and advocates for their rights in schools.

TEACHER RESOURCES		
	Link	QR Code
Resources for Teachers	lgbtqhistorymonth.com	
	pflag.org	



Lesson plans	onearchives.org	
Picture Books	notimeforflashcards.com	
Living History Video	aarp.org	