



Welcome to June and Pride Month

June always marks the beginning of the end of another school year and we are sure this school year will be one that will make its mark in the history books. Firstly, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to educate our most valuable resource...our children and youth. We are sure that there has been no time more challenging than the present in the teaching profession, as you have been removed from your familiar classrooms to instruct in your homes from behind a computer. Thank you for all you have done during this time to help bring some normalcy to students lives during a period that is anything but normal.

The beginning of June marks Pride month. A month that many LGBTQ+ folks and Rainbow Families deem important in celebrating who they are, how far their Human Rights journey has come and the significance of the work that still has to be done to ensure all LGBTQ+ people in the world have the same basic Human Rights that we hold dear here in Canada.

The Run for Rocky Legacy Project continues our work in the local community by funding many worthy projects. On April 9th, Run for Rocky Legacy Day, we announced a \$10,000.00 grant for Family Services Windsor Essex to provide counselling at no charge for LGBTQ+ students, youth and Rainbow Families in our community. We hope you direct any students or families to these free services if you know someone who could use emotional support during this challenging time. Isolation is always a factor for many LGBTQ+ youth and having someone to talk to right now may help to ease anxiety and even save a life.

Educator grants have also been committed to offset the cost of the University of Windsor's Continuing Education Course AQ Teaching LGBTQ Students. You can now register for the second offering of this program which will begin on June 15th. The first 15 educators to register and successfully complete the program will be reimbursed \$200 of the registration fees by the Run for Rocky Legacy Project.

We are also excited to be reviewing graduating student applications for the Rocky Campana Annual GSA Leadership Scholarship this week. It seems no year has been greater to help with this financial aid for post-secondary education since the Scholarships inception in 2013.

After consultation and approval by the GECSB, the Run for Rocky Legacy Project has agreed to purchase a copy of the book Stonewall for every grade school library in the Public School System. These books will be purchased once school gets back to normal. We have worked with the author Rob Sanders to provide a teaching unit for you to use during the month of June. The story of Stonewall is a significant landmark event in LGBTQ+ history and worthy of student learning. We hope that you can use this teaching tool to provide factual and pertinent information about Human Rights and how vital equality is for all.

Wishing You Rainbows and Sunshine

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