

Activities during October, 2014

Monday, October 20, 2014 at 11:30 am, 440 N. Broad Street, room 1075

Say No to Bullying!

Workshop for Parents: Q & A With the Experts from Children's Hospital: How to Recognize Bullying, support your child and work with the school

This “lunch and learn” presentation will give parents practical tips and information and the chance to ask questions of a national expert on bullying prevention, Stephen S. Leff, Ph.D., Co-Director, Violence Prevention Initiative at CHOP and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology in Pediatrics at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 3:30 PM, 440 N. Broad Street, room 1080

What does the School District's Anti-Bullying Policy mean for students, parents, teachers?

Q & A with the District's Compliance Officer for Bullying and Harassment: An overview of the anti-bullying policy and the chance to have your questions answered. All students, parents and staff are invited; refreshments will be served.

Presented by Diane Sher, District Compliance Officer

October 22, 2014 at 4:30 PM at 440 N. Broad Street, Auditorium

Because the T is Usually Silent: Learning About Transgender Students in Philadelphia and the Best Ways to Support Their Education

In the last year, 87% of transgender students have been verbally harassed because of their gender expression, 53% have been physically harassed, and 26% have been physically assaulted. And yet, of the 54% of these students who reported the events to authorities, only 33% felt the staff responded accordingly. Given this context, the importance of taking a proactive approach toward creating safe and respectful learning environment that lend themselves to positive outcomes for transgender and gender non-conforming students is vital. Requiring no prior knowledge or experience, this workshop will provide educators and administrators with basic information regarding gender identity and the transgender identity umbrella, raise awareness around barriers facing transgender and gender nonconforming students, and assist participants in developing personal and professional action steps to ensure their spaces are maximally empowering for all students.

Presented by Kelly Kroehle, MSW, Director, The Bryson Institute, The Attic Youth Center, which creates opportunities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth to develop into healthy, independent, civic-minded adults within a safe and supportive community, and promotes the acceptance of LGBTQ youth in society.

October 23, 2014 at 4:30 PM at 440 N. Broad Street, Auditorium

LGBTQ Student Panel

Hear it from the students themselves! This panel will feature current LGBTQ students of the School District of Philadelphia who will share with participants what gender identity and sexual orientation mean to them as young people in 21st century Philadelphia. Students will then discuss their experiences coming out as LGBTQ in school and the ways in which that resulted in added barriers to their educational success as well as new systems of support. In addition to storytelling, students will engage in a question and answer session with participants around their experiences and suggestions for improving the culture and climate of our schools for LGBTQ students.

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