DEI AWARENESS & CELEBRATIONS FOR MARCH!

March is Jam-Packed and includes: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Gender Equality Month, Women’s History Month, Ethnic Equality Month, and National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month!

March 3rd: International Women's Day
- United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace

March 11th: World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film
- Nation-wide

March 14: Pi Day

March 21st: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination & World Down Syndrome Day

March 22nd: Emancipation Day (Puerto Rico end slavery)

March 25th: International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

March 31st: Cesar Chavez Day (farmworker rights champion, we incorporated this into healthy living lesson in science/health)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might”

-MARIAN ANDERSON
Dr. Stephanie Robinson, a member of the Communication and Marketing sub-committee, suggested we read Out of My Mind.

Out of My Mind was written by Sharon Draper, an educator and writer. Draper is the five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Awards. Her book Out of My Mind was on the New York Times bestselling list for almost two years.

Dr. Robinson stated that, "It is a great book for children and adults who are or may have a family member who does not talk/speak, but uses other forms of communication be understand through internal monologue."

The book is centered on 11-year-old Melody who has a photographic memory. Most people—her teachers and doctors included—don't think she's capable of learning. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind— that is, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever. At last, Melody has a voice . . . but not everyone around her is ready to hear it.
IMAGES FROM LAST MONTH'S CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS!