“Pridentity” - Pride Themes – Celebrating Diversity Throughout the School Year

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| **Months** | **Colour** | **Theme** | **Ideas** | **Primary** | **Intermediate** |
| Sept/Oct | Orange | Healing | * Terry Fox Run and donations
* Orange Shirt Day (Aboriginal Education and Reconciliation)
* Nutrition – set a focus on healthy food that we have from the fall harvest – pumpkins, squash, etc – and sets a focus on healthy eating for kids and their families
* Other Celebrations – Halloween, Diwali (festival of light), LGBTQ History Month, World Mental Health Day (tie in to self-regulation, zones of regulation, etc)
* Encourage all students to wear orange for celebration of learning assembly
 | * Terry Fox shoes with orange laces
* Introduction to Phyllis’ story and her first experience with school versus how we SHOULD be made to feel when starting school (orange shirt cut-out and self-portrait of feelings on first day)
* Pumpkin art
* Healing Hands – handprints in shades and tints of orange – link to Social Studies curriculum
 | * Connections to fundraising for Terry Fox Run / cancer research, treatment and recovery
* Art – painted shades of orange / Objective = to create a new shade of orange
* Language arts + Creative thinking Core Competency – generate creative names for paint swatches / explore healing theme – create names that connect to concepts of healing
* Art – learn blending, shading, and pressure pencil crayon techniques, select naturally occurring orange foods to create pencil crayon drawings of
* Science – study of immune system / connect to inquiry of what makes foods orange and what the health benefits are
* Social studies + Aboriginal Content – Blanket Activity (simulation of colonialism) / Phyllis’ story and acknowledgment of Orange Shirt Day (including neighbourhood walk) / UN history of LGBTQ rights (video), Stolen Words by Melanie Florence
* Art Study – Forms and Lines - Keith Haring / Joe Average / Todd Parr (in preparation for the acknowledgment of World AIDS Day (December 1)
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| Nov/Dec | Red | Life | * Remembrance Day – poppies, celebrating the lives we have because of the sacrifices of others
* Transgender Day of Remembrance
* December 1st = World AIDS Day
* Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and celebrations of different cultures/backgrounds
* December 10 – Human Rights Day
* The Jingle Walk to raise money for those less fortunate
 | * Red Kandinsky poppies for wreaths
* Class potlucks with different foods from our class community
* Giving instead of receiving for holidays
 | * Science - Explore naturally occurring red foods, what makes them red, what are the health benefits of them / connect immune system with circulatory system, science of blood
* Life cycles
* Read “Red” by Michael Hall, gender unicorn, differentiate the various aspects of identity / life (anatomical sex, gender expression, gender identity – Transgender awareness week = 1st 2 weeks of November
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| Jan | Blue | Serenity | * Return to school routines/self-regulation
* Family Literacy Week – the comfort of families
* Reflection / Goal setting
* Yoga
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| Feb | Pink | Love and Anti-Bullying | * Anti-bullying/Family Day/Valentines Day
* SOGI Book Kits (District Learning Resource Center)
* Black History Month
* Lunar New Year
* Link to Art – PINK is RED with WHITE (LOVE & LIFE connections to family)
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| March | Yellow | Sunlight | * Daylight Savings Time – return of the sun (yeah right, we live in BC), graphing hours of sunlight, or the time sun rises
* Associations with sunlight that could be explored – happiness/brightness/planets and spaces
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| April | Green | Nature | * Earth Day
* Celebration of spring and growth of new things
* Life cycles (frogs/salmon/butterflies), new living things
* International Day of Pink – tie in to growth as people / saving the planet – Social Responsibility / Social Justice
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| May | Purple | Spirit | * Spirit Day(s)
* Acknowledging the wide variety of diversity we have covered and how we celebrate and honour our differences
* Two-Spiritedness and tie to Aboriginal Education
* International Day against Homo- Bi- and Transphobia
* International Family Equality Day
 |  | * Harvey Milk Day (May 22)
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| June | All Colours | Identity | * Celebrate the diversity within our school
* Primary: celebrate your “YOU-ness”; no one is youer than you!
* Intermediate: Pride Day (take PRIDE in YOU – Pride is for everyone!)
* National Aboriginal Day on June 21
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