



MARCH FOCUS

Up Close and Cultural

Cooking with Culture: Making Connections Through Food

The diversity of the world around us is something RISD values and appreciates. Understanding and respecting people from different backgrounds, ethnicities, and beliefs is a must for adults and the students they teach. March will be a month of activities dedicated to celebrating and understanding the diversity that is RISD!

Follow along with us all month at @RISD_Equity and #EmbraceRISD.



Students

Women’s History Month Campus Announcements: March is Women’s History Month nationwide. To celebrate, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will provide campus announcements to all campuses spotlighting the accomplishments and impact of prominent women throughout history.

Campus Learning and Celebrations: Campuses throughout Richardson ISD will host optional campus-wide and community learning experiences and events.

Staff

Break Bread, Break Borders: Through food, culture, and powerful storytelling, join us **Monday, March 25**, as we break bread with the community and break down borders simultaneously. Led by area refugee women and BBBB founder, Jin-Ya Huang, this dinner event is a professional learning opportunity for RISD staff and will feature great food, profound learning, and powerful conversation. Dinner will be provided for all staff in attendance. To learn more about the organization Break Bread, Break Borders, visit breakbreadbreakborders.com

Sharing Ramadan: On **March 27**, RISD staff will join our neighbors for an evening of celebration, community building, sharing, and compassion as we engage in part of the Ramadan experience of breaking the fast.

Community

Cooking Up Conversation: A Virtual Cookalong: Join us **Thursday, March 21**, for a live virtual cooking demonstration hosted by EDI’s Jonah Ballesteros, Richardson West Junior High School’s, Kattie Griffin, and other spotlighted guests! Our featured dish: Filipino Adobo! Virtual guests are encouraged to cook alongside our hosts and follow along with the discussion. All registered participants will receive an emailed list of ingredients.

Tortillas and Togetherness: A Live In-person Family Tortilla Making Event: Join us in early April for an unforgettable evening of family fun and culinary delight at the first-ever Family Tortilla Making Event! Gather your loved ones and embark on a journey of flavor and togetherness as you roll up your sleeves and dive into the art of tortilla making. Hosted in Spanish and English. (Exact date to be announced.)

Richardson Remembers Recipes: Throughout March, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will spotlight staff and student recipes and reflections on the importance of food to family and culture. Follow along on X by using the hashtag #EmbraceRISD.

Disability Awareness Spotlight: Community partners *To Be Like Me* and SAGE PTA will be featured in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion’s “familiRise” segment of the RISD School Times newsletter to spotlight disability awareness throughout March. To learn more about the organizations *To Be Like Me* and SAGE PTA, visit tobelikeme.org and sites.google.com/view/sage-pta-richardson-isd

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The Live Wise Live Healthy initiative provides community-wide training, programming, and opportunities designed to empower young people to make healthy and wise decisions through meaningful learning and life-changing experiences.