

## LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

APS is recognizing and celebrating **Pride Month** this June to support our LGBTQIA+ students and staff and to encourage everyone to honor our diverse community. This is part of our strong commitment to equity and inclusion, to ensure APS is a place where all staff, students and families are welcome, valued and respected.

We encourage you to join in the conversation online using **#APSPride23**.



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## History

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (*The + sign in this context recognizes that our understanding of labels and vocabulary is personal, and continues to evolve.*) **(LGBTQIA+) Pride Month** is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. [Learn more about the history of Pride Month](https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/) (<https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/>). [Learn about the various Pride Flags](https://www.hrc.org/resources/lgbtq-pride-flags) (<https://www.hrc.org/resources/lgbtq-pride-flags>) and how they have changed throughout the years.

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## Pronouns (from [mypronouns.org](http://mypronouns.org) (<http://mypronouns.org>))

In English, whether we realize it or not, people frequently refer to us using pronouns when speaking about us. Often, when speaking of a singular human in the third person, these pronouns have a gender implied — such as “he” to refer to a man/boy or “she” to refer to a woman/girl. These associations are not always accurate or helpful. Using someone’s correct personal pronouns is a way to respect them and create an inclusive environment, just as using a person’s name can

be a way to respect them.

When a person shares their pronouns (<https://www.mypronouns.org/sharing>), they are naming the pronouns that they want to be referred to by in the singular third person (when referring to that person while talking to someone else). Singular pronouns in the first person (when referring to yourself) or second person (when referring to a person when talking to that same person) do not vary.

Learn more by visiting [mypronouns.org](http://mypronouns.org) (<http://mypronouns.org>) and consider adding your pronouns to your email signature, social media profiles, etc.

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## APS Events

Each APS middle and high school **Genders & Sexualities Alliance (GSA)** groups are planning and hosting many events throughout the month of June. Look for details on APS social media platforms.

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## Community Events

- **June 3, 2023:** Reston Pride (<https://restonpride.org/>) | Lake Anne Plaza | 12-6 pm (Free)
- **June 3, 2023:** Alexandria Pride | Alexandria City Hall Market Square | 2-5 pm (Free)
- **June 3, 2023:** Mosaic Pride (<https://mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/mosaic-pride-parade/>) | District Avenue, Fairfax | 2 PM Parade; Events end at 8:30 PM
- **June 4, 2023:** Equality Loudoun's (<https://www.eqloco.com/>) Loudoun Pride | Claude Moore Park | 1-7 PM (Tickets \$5 Pre-Sale (<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/1f6253bc-6445-4a93-8b79-0d33a27b53f3>))
- **June 8, 2023:** OUTstanding Arlington Pride Month Celebration | Courthouse Square | 3pm-5pm
- **June 10, 2023:** Capital Pride Parade (<https://www.capitalpride.org/event/parade/>) | Logan & Dupont Circle Neighborhoods | 3pm-7:30 pm
- **June 10, 2023:** Pride on the Pier (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/washington-blade-pride-on-the-pier-and-fireworks-show-tickets-555118523447?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>) | The Wharf | 2-9 PM
- **June 11, 2023:** Capital Pride Festival (<https://www.capitalpride.org/event/block-party/>) | Between P&Q Intersecting 17th St NW | 12 pm – 10pm
- **June 16, 2023:** New York State of Mind (<http://www.safespacenoVA.org/pride-prom>) Pride Prom | Safe Space NOVA (<http://www.safespacenoVA.org>) + City of Alexandria Office of the ArtsThe Torpedo Factory Arts Center

- **June 24, 2023:** Arlington Pride Festival | Rosslyn Gateway Park | 12-7 PM ([Free Tickets \(https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-2023-arlington-pride-festival-tickets-565831135157\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-2023-arlington-pride-festival-tickets-565831135157))
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### Resources for Students & Families

- [Library of Congress – Pride Month \(https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/\)](https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/)
  - [Capital Pride \(https://www.capitalpride.org/celebration/\)](https://www.capitalpride.org/celebration/)
  - [12 Historic LGBTQ Figures Who Changed the World \(https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/historical-lgbt-figures-activists-culture\)](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/historical-lgbt-figures-activists-culture) – National Geographic
  - [Talking to Your Child About Gender Identity \(https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/parents/identity\)](https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/parents/identity) – Planned Parenthood
  - [LGBT Youth Resources \(https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth-resources.htm\)](https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth-resources.htm)– Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
  - [It Gets Better Project \(https://itgetsbetter.org/\)](https://itgetsbetter.org/) – June 2022
  - [The Trevor Project \(https://www.thetrevorproject.org/\)](https://www.thetrevorproject.org/)– Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention for Youth
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### Classroom Resources for Educators

- [Guide to Pride \(https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/Guide%20to%20LGBT%20Pride.pdf\)](https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/Guide%20to%20LGBT%20Pride.pdf) – GLSEN
- [15 LGBTQ Books for Kids and Teens Recommended by Queer Librarians, Educators, and Independent Booksellers \(https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/15-lgbtq-books-for-kids-and-teens/\)](https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/15-lgbtq-books-for-kids-and-teens/) – NY Times
- [LGBTQIA+ Resources \(https://www.nea.org/resource-library/nea-lgbtq-resources\)](https://www.nea.org/resource-library/nea-lgbtq-resources) – National Education Association
- [APS Pride – Social Media Graphics \(https://apsva-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/andrew\\_robinson\\_apsva\\_us/ElvapSsiZBNFqLnpgUSzH1wBg7pCo1HDBcl858-MkoH20A?e=k92kh1\)](https://apsva-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/andrew_robinson_apsva_us/ElvapSsiZBNFqLnpgUSzH1wBg7pCo1HDBcl858-MkoH20A?e=k92kh1) (*must be logged into APS account*)