

**PS 39 Diversity and Inclusion Book of the Month: June**  
**Theme: LGBTQIA**

**Book Title:** Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag  
by Rob Sanders

**Grade Level:** 2nd / 3rd

**Discuss:**

- What did you know about the rainbow flag before you read this book? Did reading this book help you to understand more about the LGBTQIA community?
- Harvey Milk along with Gilbert Baker created the rainbow flag to carry during a march for equal rights. What feelings did the rainbow flag ignite within people?
- Design a flag of your own representing Pride Month
  - What design elements would you include?
  - What colors, shapes, symbols or even words would you add?
  - How can pride in who you are be represented on your flag? What do you want to communicate about yourself and/or others?
- Draw a vertical line in the middle of a sheet of paper, and a horizontal line at the top, creating two columns. At the top of the column on the left, write “Words that Hurt” and on the right, “Words that Help.”
  - Write down hurtful words you have heard and/or names you have been called or heard others called.
  - Consider hurtful words or phrases that are gender-specific, such as “you throw like a girl” or “boys don’t wear pink.”
  - Think about how the words and phrases in the left-hand column can feel hurtful and how the words in the right-hand column can feel empowering and uplifting.
  - How can you help yourself and others to be mindful of hurtful words and make an effort never to use them?
- Rob Sanders address the assassinations of Harvey and Mayor George Moscone by stating: “Their lives were taken by a man who did not think like Harvey, or feel like Harvey, or love like Harvey.” The author could have ended the story there but he didn’t - why do you think that is? Do you think that Harvey Milk’s efforts are continued today? Is his work is still ongoing?
- How can you continue to support the book’s emphasis on the need for equality, pride, hope and love in your daily life? What actions can you take to feel pride in who you are and to help those around you to feel pride in who they are?

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by Myles E. Johnson

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**Discuss:**

- Have you ever been really scared and everything turned out okay?
- What can you do to help your friends be less scared?
- What are some ways are you different/special? Are you special in more ways than one? If so, how?