#### February - March 2016

# CURRICULUM CORNER NEWSLETTER

### Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89



#### District 89 celebrates Black History Month

Rita Pierson: Every kid needs a champion | TED Talk | TED.com www.ted.com/talks/rita\_pierson\_every\_kid\_needs\_a\_champion If you cannot open the link, please copy and paste the link into your browser.





**Rita Pierson** 



Black History was celebrated throughout the month of February in all District 89 schools. As a culmination to our month long celebration, a field trip to Triton College was organized for Middle School students. This exciting event hosted 'Art Explosion' featuring a Hip Hop Illusionist Jibrizy Magic, a performance by Sonita Surratt on Phyllis Wheatley, an African American poet during slavery, and the Phi Beta Sigma Step Team. Two hundred thirty Irving and Stevenson Middle School students had an opportunity to attend Triton College's 2016 Black History Month Closing Program. We value our partnership with Triton College.

Thank you to all District 89 schools for your contribution celebrating the rich diversity of our community. Although Black History Month is now over, it is important that the study and celebration of the achievements and heritage of Black History will continue throughout the year. We must continue to see Black History as part of our American history. Moreover, when our students have the opportunity to see people from diverse backgrounds excel, they too will be inspired to achieve!

Are you a CHAMPION for your students? Please visit the TED TALK, by Rita Pierson on EVERY KID NEEDS A CHAMPION!





Phi Beta Sigma Step Team









Sonita Surratt portraying Phyllis Wheatley, African American poet during slavery



Playwright of Phyllis Wheatley

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Harriet Tubman Portrayal











