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## As It Turns Out, Honey Badger DOES Care!

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**([Especially when there are PRIZES to win](#)<sup>[1]</sup>!)**

Did you know that one of Martin Luther King, Junior's most influential advisors was gay? That's right: the person responsible for organizing the legendary 1963 March on Washington was Bayard Rustin, an openly gay man, civil rights leader, activist and tireless crusader for justice. And did you know that the scientist, botanist, educator and inventor, George Washington Carver, was also gay? What about Harvey Milk, Sylvia Rivera, James Baldwin, Margaret Mead, Frida Kahlo, Langston Hughes, Virginia Wolfe, and Barbara Jordan?



Most schools do not teach students about LGBTQ historical figures or the LGBTQ civil rights movement, even though [studies show](#) <sup>[2]</sup> that when LGBTQ history, people and current events are included in instructional materials, students feel safer and the rates of bullying decrease. This finding is true for straight and LGBTQ students. That's why GSA Network co-authored the [FAIR Education Act](#) <sup>[3]</sup>, which would require that LGBTQ people are included and recognized for their important historical contributions to the economic, political, and social development of California, the United States and the world.

But what about the [amazing teachers](#) <sup>[4]</sup> who *already* teach about LGBTQ history, people and current events? And what about the [brave students](#) <sup>[5]</sup> who demand that their teachers include LGBTQ curriculum in class? While these stories are inspiring, we still need to learn so much more about what's going on in YOUR school! By filling out [this survey](#) <sup>[1]</sup> you can help make sure that we make meaningful recommendations for teachers and schools as they work to meet the new state mandated FAIR Education Act requirement.

Click here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LGBTQCurriculum> <sup>[1]</sup>

Eligible participants qualify to win a gift card for H&M, M.A.C. Makeup, Starbucks or Jamba Juice! So hurry up and make a difference that you can feel good about and (fingers crossed) get paid for. The Honey Badger would.

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