



Equity Newsletter

Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

Discussion

- **Student Equity Team: The vision for this student group is to allow students to become the teachers and leaders of equity in the school. They will be working on initiatives to increase student voice regarding issues of belonging, such as bullying, verbal harassment and safe spaces at school.**
 - Update: Followed up with students, permission slip was sent out, bus home for students will be provided (roughly 20 students have expressed interest in joining)
 - Tuesday 10/18 is the official start date
- **Our Equity Plan: Our goal is to resolve issues of taunting, bullying and racial slurs, as indicated to us through surveys, DASA reports, and listening sessions last school year**
 - Equity committee members will develop morning meeting questions centered around inclusivity, and upstander/bystander issues and real-life scenarios
 - PLC teams will look at current curriculum materials (UOS) to find avenues to address issues of racial bias/bullying/peer-to-peer relationships.
 - i. **Superintendent Conference Day, November 8:** time will be set aside to look through the new Board Approved equity books that align with the Lucy Calkins curriculum to develop a lesson to address our equity goals (racial bias, bullying, peer-to-peer relationship)
 - ii. We would like to build out our classroom libraries with equity-focused literature. We found a great list of [books available in our library](#) shared by Hilda in previous years
- **Cultural Celebration: A Walk Around the World**
 - Preliminary talks about a day for families and staff to come together at school to represent various cultural backgrounds with tables, food and information... possibly held outside in spring, more to come as plans develop
- **Equity Tab on Arlington website**
 - Next meeting we will discuss information to add to a new tab on our website to increase engagement and ease of access to our school's equity goals and activities



Next Equity Meeting: 10/26/22 at 3:45 p.m.

Please consider joining us!