

ALLYSHIP NEWSLETTER

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER PRESENTED BY THE WILSON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ALLYSHIP COMMITTEE:
INFORMATION, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TOPICS TO PROMOTE ALLYSHIP, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION.

2023-2024 Team Goal:

Enhance professional growth by incorporating asset-based, culturally responsive strategies to increase achievement and support Hispanic students' behavioral and social well-being while increasing Hispanic parents' active participation in the District.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ALLY?

This quarter's Allyship Committee Team Member Reflection: Wilson Area School District Elementary School Students

This month, we are spotlighting some of our elementary school students on what it means to be an Ally.

[What Does it Mean to Be an Ally?](#)

Our **High School** students explained what it means to be "Welcoming" in our Allyship update. [Click here to view.](#)

ALLY OF THE YEAR



Aida Rodriguez has a pleasant and welcoming demeanor that helps students and their families to feel comfortable and confident participating in their child's education.

Aida is a patient and compassionate listener who understands the traumas that many of our students have experienced, especially those who are newcomers to the United States. She often seeks out district and community resources to fully support their students and their families.

Aida volunteers her time to attend evening events and regularly collaborates with grade-level classroom teachers to plan accommodations and offer strategies that are effective for English language learners. She is inspiring. It is inspiring to see them meet all of those needs to help provide our students with the skills and strategies that they need to find success.

One of the statements that came up over and over throughout our nomination process, is that she does all of this with a cheerful smile and an optimistic attitude. The wealth of knowledge, "can-do" attitude and positivity that she brings to Avona, and our district serves as a wonderful model for our staff and students, and has a strong influence on our culture.

REPRESENTATIONS OF ALLYSHIP IN THE CLASSROOM/WORK SETTING

Williams Township Elementary

The bulletin board displays stars that were made from each student that states why they are special. The students were able to reflect on their identity and how we all bring something unique to the table.



Avona Elementary

The building celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. Students and Officer Lopez shared snippets about their heritage to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month at the school. Click on the links to watch some of the videos!

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

[Video 3](#)



Wilson Borough Elementary

Bulletin boards in the hallways highlight students' thoughts on themselves and appreciation for what makes them unique!



Intermediate School

The Intermediate School's Student Council held a school-wide activity project based on the book, "I Am Enough" by Grace Byers. You can access a recording of the story read by the author using this [link](#).



THIS QUARTER'S TOPIC REFLECTION

We ask staff to individually, as a team, grade-level, or department to reflect upon the following topic:

Why are authentic conversations in any friendship important?
How does it benefit each person in that relationship?

RELEVANT LITERATURE AND RESOURCES

To access the shared folder to obtain Allyship resources, please use the following [link](#).

September 15 to October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic/Latinx [Virtual Bulletin Board](#)

CELEBRATE THESE DATES!

SEPTEMBER

Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15 to 10/15/23)

September 4, 2023

Labor Day

September 11, 2023

Patriot Day

September 15, 2023

Rosh Hashanah (begins at sunset)

September 23, 2023

Fall Equinox

September 25, 2023

Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)

OCTOBER

Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15 to 10/15/23)

Filipino-American History Month

Dyslexia Awareness Month

German-American Heritage Month

Global Diversity Awareness Month

Italian-American Heritage Month

LGBTQ+ History Month

National Bullying Prevention Month

October 9, 2023

Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 10, 2023

World Inclusion Day