

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
November 13, 2018

The members of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Education held their second meeting of the school year on November 13, 2018. The conversation presented an open floor to the committee members to raise issues of their concern. The broad number of subjects raised included: how parents may communicate concerns regarding bussing, lunch, and teachers; how residents may communicate concerns regarding senior center or adult education programs; the policies for utilization of WiFi in school buildings during the school day, and the forthcoming presentations to the Board of Education regarding the police and private security audits conducted.

In addition, the committee spoke about the importance of modeling tolerance. Examples were shared of ways in which GNPS imparts messages of empathy and tolerance during school and after school by way of curricula, professional development, programs, and clubs. The following is just a sampling of these but attached is a more comprehensive list of the programs that our students participate in at every level.

- Responsive Classroom curricula
- Same But Different curricula
- Second Step curricula
- Digital Citizenship curricula
- Mindfulness initiatives
- Professional Development regarding language of re-direction and re-interpretation
- Peer mentoring
- Peer tutoring
- Buddy systems
- International days/nights
- Challenge Day, Dare to Care, Relay for Life, No Place for Hate, Holocaust Tolerance and Memorial Center, Key Club, etc.

The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PROGRAMS & EVENTS THAT TEACH STUDENTS
TOLERANCE, UNDERSTANDING AND
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

- Responsive Classrooms
- Second Step
- Same But Different
- Mindfulness
- International Week
- ALS Ride for Life (EMB)
- Caine's Arcade (EMB)
- Habits for Life (EMB)
- Confident Me (EMB)
- Baker Gives Back (EMB)
- Rules for Living (SR)
- Grade Level Service Learning Projects (SR):
 - Kindergarten: North Shore Animal League Donations
 - 1st Grade: Dental Bags for Homeless Students
 - 2nd Grade: Birthday Wishes for Homeless Children
 - 3rd Grade: Merchant Marine Academy Bookmarks
 - 4th Grade: Planting at Stepping Stone Park
 - 5th Grade: Ronald McDonald House Read-a-thon and Donations
- Character Education Committee (SR)
- Character Education Book of the Month/Character Traits of the Month (SR)
- Adoption of United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development-SDM (SR)
- International Day (SR)
- Buddy Olympics (SR, JFK)
- Mainstreaming/Reverse Mainstreaming for our ID classes (SR)
- Scholarship Fund for students below poverty line (SR)
- Respect Week (LKV)
- Cultural Heritage Week (LKV)
- Family Reflection Nights (LKV)
- Mix It Up (LKV)
- CAPS Caring Kids (JFK)
- Kindness/Fill Your Bucket (PKV)
- Beautiful Me (EMB, JFK, LKV, SR)
- Kindness Boomerang (EMB, JFK, LKV, PKV, SR)

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL

- Responsive Classrooms
- No Place for Hate
- Dare to Care
- Mindfulness
- Cultural Heritage Week
- Dancing Classrooms
- Adolescent Advocates
- Gay Straight Alliance

HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

- No Place for Hate
- International Week
- Peer Leadership
- Peer Mentoring
- Peer Tutoring
- Digital Citizenship
- Mindfulness
- Holocaust Remembrance Day (NHS)
- Mental Health Awareness Week (NHS)
- Human Rights Assembly (MLK Holiday) (SHS)
- Cultural Heritage Night (SHS)
- Full Tables Club (SHS)