

Bullying at PVS

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Essential Question: How can we take action to help bullying at PVS and what solution can we provide for the people who are being bullied?

Tuning In

Why I am interested-

I chose this question because I have been bullied a lot and it makes my day a lot harder than it needs to be. I have seen other people being bullied about things that sometimes they cannot fix or change. It makes me sad to sometimes see think about my friends being bullied. It also makes me sad to see that maybe the reason that the bullies are bullying is because they are hurting so much inside that they have to put other people down to make themselves feel better. I want to help the people who are being bullied and make their day better and make them enjoy school more even if they only enjoy it in general. There is an article that I found called "A Journey Of confidence lead to a college scholarship for golfer in hijab" and it is about a 13 year old girl who wanted to wear religious clothing. All she wanted was to practice her religion. Her friends even said "she is just not one of us anymore." She lost her friends because she wanted to practice her religion. People at PVS should not be afraid to practice their religion if they wanted and not lose their friends.

Finding Out

In order to find information about my question relating to a problem at PVS, I chose to survey the school and use the information to find out if there really is as much bullying at PVS as I thought. My essential question relates to the problem of bullying. I know this is a problem in my grade but I wanted to know if it was a problem in other grades. I also wanted to know how many kids knew about bullying or have seen it at Paso Verde because if we can see that a lot of people have seen it and it happens often, then we can take action and try and stop bullying or at least try and help reduce the amount of bullying.

I looked at many different websites for research but there were a few sources that stood out to me. For example, one good source that I used was Newsela.com website. On this site, I read an article from the Sacramento Bee about a 13 year old girl who wanted to wear her religious clothing. When she started wearing her hijab, her friends turned their backs and they said, "she is just not one of us anymore." Ahmed, the 13 year old girl, kept wearing her head scarf and she did lose friends but they were not good friends. She ended up making better friends at a golf club she joined. The moral is don't give up and this story shows how someone persevered through a bullying situation and she ended up having a good time later.

I also learned about examples of people who were bullied because of different reasons. One example was about an Chinese-American basketball player that was bullied because he was Chinese-American. In the article, " NBA's Jeremy Lin rejected the bullies, dared to be different", Jeremy Lin had to face bullying throughout his youth. With the help of his coach, he overcame the bullying and became a successful basketball player.

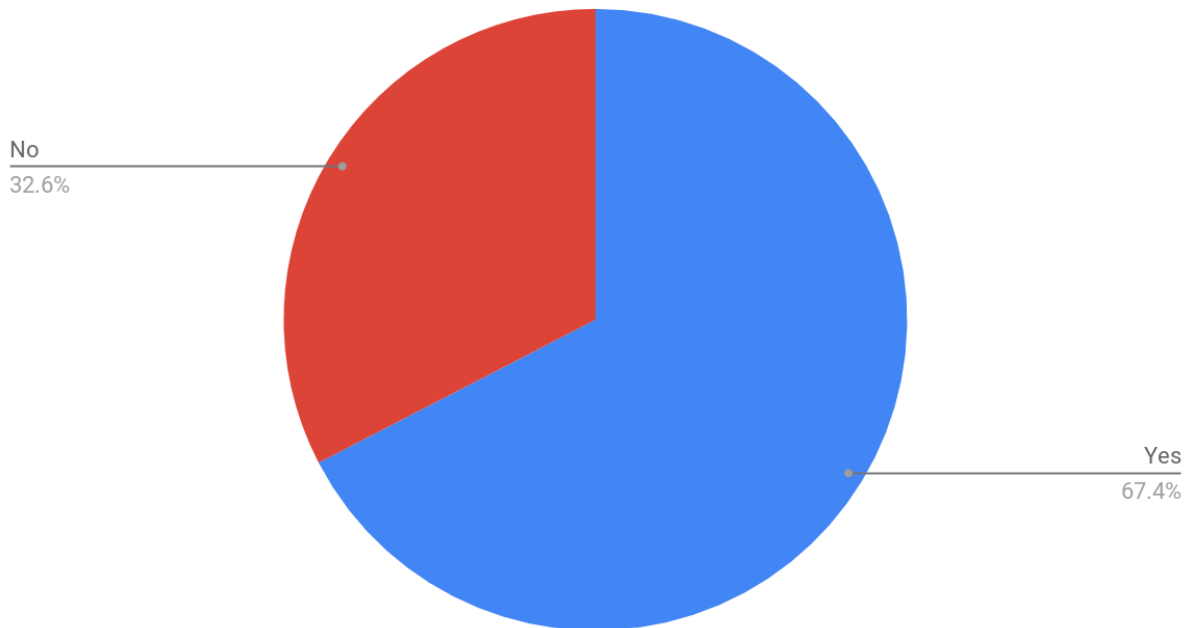
New movie " Wonder" shows you really can't judge a book by it's cover", which I found this Kansas City Star article on Newsela, was about the movie "Wonder" and how it helped a little girl with the same condition have hope in her future. She said " Having a movie about someone who has that same thing as me makes me feel happy." This article discussed how even though someone does not look the same as everybody else, it does not mean that they are a bad person or different. The article talks about getting to know people for who they really are before making a judgement about them.

Stopbullying.gov is a good source for learning about bullying and learning about different types of bullying. It can help teach people about how to prevent different type of bullying and more. For example, There is a section about gaming and social media in

the bigger section about cyberbullying. It tells about bullying that can happen on gaming and social media and how it can happen. This is a good source because it has lots of information that can help with specific research goals. Another good site that stood out to my group was the National Pacer Bullying Prevention Site. This site provided student stories, prevention strategies, and videos.

Sorting Out

Survey Question: Have you ever seen bullying at PVS?



After surveying 276 students at PVS, the information I gathered shows that the majority of people at this school have seen bullying and that suggests that bullying does in fact occur at Paso Verde. Now that I know that bullying does happen, I now have to figure out a way to either completely stop bullying or to at least help reduce the amount of bullying. I also need to decide what kind of solutions to use to reduce/stop bullying.

Going Further

After reviewing our survey data, my group and I decided to look for solutions to help stop bullying at PVS. One website that we really liked was Stopbullying.gov. This website had different sections like cyber bullying, bullying, and prevention. All these sections had different parts in them that could help someone learn about bullying, or stop bullying. I think that I could find more information about bullying prevention. My essential question was "How can we take action to help bullying at PVS and what solution can we provide for the people who are being bullied?" I need to find ways to stop bullying because part of my question is how can we stop bullying so, I need to find ways to do that.

I think someone else could find my research helpful. They might have been bullied and find my information helpful to try and stop it for other people and to make it so they don't get bullied again. They could also find the information not helpful because they are just not involved in bullying. Maybe people who are not directly involved with bullying could help. Another way people could see my information was as a person who does bully. The bully could see that people have seen their actions and how it impacts the student getting bullied in a bad way. Maybe when seeing the information about how many people have seen or have been bullied, the bully would see that it affects others a lot.

Making Conclusions

The survey test results can conclude that bullying does in fact occur at PVS and further research about bullying shows me that bullying is happening in many schools. Now that I know that bullying happens at school, I can start thinking of Ideas to help prevent bullying or ways to stop bullying. I can come up with ideas for taking action.

One possible solution is I can interview people who have been bullied and they can share their stories with me. Then we could have an assembly and have the people share their stories with the rest of the school. Hopefully, people who bully can see how much they affect people and they can make the choice to stop. Another way I can use the bully stories would be to create an anonymous flyer. I could hand them out to students so they could become more aware about the bullying that happens at school.

A second possible solution is talk to the staff at PVS and explain that I did a survey and a large group of students said there was bullying at PVS. I could ask for their help in maintaining a safer campus environment. Stopbullying.gov had many resources available for staff to use. For example, The site outlines ways to support school-wide rules, hold classroom meetings, and strengthen our Positive Behavior Intervention Program (PBIS) program.

I can use this information that I have researched to create an action plan that is realistic and possible. I understand that making school-wide change will take time. It will be a process that involves staff, parents, and students. My final result is that all students can come to school feeling safe and comfortable at school.

Taking Action

For my action plan, I have two ideas that can make PVS a safer environment. First, I would need to talk with Mrs. Jarrell about starting a Peer Mediation group at PVS. Next, I would interview student that have been bullied and record their stories. Finally, I would like to organize a school wide assembly to introduce the Peer Mediators and what they would be doing, talk about bullying at school, and hand out an anonymous flyer sharing the bullying stories.

One limitation is that maybe Mrs. Jarrell with say it is not a good idea or the school does not have the money for the training. I would suggest having parent volunteers help with the mentoring or see if we could get free training. Another limitation could be that is getting on the calendar for a specific time possible. A way to solve this problem would be to come up with different times that this assembly could take place.

I think my plan will have a positive effect on our school community. I think that parents and staff would agree to be a part of this plan. I think kids who are being bullied will be happy to know that someone is trying to help.

When I reflect on this entire project, I think that this is a good idea and that over time, this will have a very good effect on our school community. I think that we can help kid who are being bullied and prevent it in the future. I have been bullied a few times and I am happy to know that I am helping prevent it for me and all the other kids who are being bullied. I also think that we should have started earlier because I could have learned more information and we could have planned more with Mrs. Jarrell.

- StopBullying.gov
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/at-school/build-safe-environment/index.html>
- Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/stories/>

Sources

Title: NBA's Jeremy Lin rejected the bullie, dared to be different

Author: Jeremy Lin

Website: <https://newsela.com/read/jeremylin-oped/id/14241>

My essential question is "How can we take action to help bullying at PVS and what solution can we provide for the people who are being bullied?" This source provided a good information about how people are being bullied and how some of them overcome bullying.

Title: "A journey of confidence leads to college scholarship for golfer in hijab"

Author: Sacramento Bee

Website: <https://newsela.com/read/hijab-college-golfer/id/32644>

This source also showed an example about someone who was bullied and how this person overcame bullying and ended up with a college scholarship.

Title: "Wonder Movie Gives two Kansas girls hope"

Author: Jeneé Osterheldt

Website: <https://newsela.com/read/e.lem-wonder-movie-gives-girls-hope/id/38071>

This source can connect to my project the girl in the article shares her story about how she is just like the main character in "Wonder" and how she is bullied too. She also talks about how people are afraid of her because of the way she looks. This article shows how someone was bullied but some things as simple as a movie about how bullying is not okay can give a great amount of hope.

Title: Stopbullying.gov

Website: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

This source shows multiple sources teaching about bullying, different types of bullying and ways to prevent bullying.