

# FROM THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

#### Engagement Through Storytelling

Teachers can use the art of storytelling to amplify student voice in the classroom. Storytelling empowers students to share their unique experiences and perspectives. Storytelling allows students to express themselves while also making connections with their classmates. The art of storytelling develops their voice, especially for marginalized students who do not feel heard. Students also build confidence and improve communication skills by telling their story to teachers and classmates.

#### Benefits Of Storytelling

- Improved learning and retention: Stories are often easy to remember and help students to connect with both abstract concepts and real world examples.
- Fosters belonging: Storytelling creates a space for openness, listening, understanding, and empathy. This safe space builds a learning community that provides a sense of belonging.
- Engages multiple learning styles: Storytelling improves student engagement by catering to multiple learning styles. Storytelling taps into imagination, auditory, and emotion.
- Reflecting on life experiences: Storytelling encourages students to reflect on their lives in order to narrate their experiences.

**READ:** ["The Power Of Students' Stories"](#)

**WATCH:** ["The Power Of Storytelling In Human Culture"](#)

### STUDENT VOICE

"I feel like I belong here because I know if something bad happens my teacher will look out for me."

-Keith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Gulph Elementary)



### MAY APPRECIATION



[Asian American and Pacific Islander Month](#)



[Jewish Heritage Month](#)  
[Antisemitism In The Classroom](#)



[Mental Health Awareness Month](#)



[Cinco De Mayo](#)

### THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMM

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A good teacher is like the rising sun that comes to fill the empty and dark minds with the light of the education.

ANAMIKA MISHRA

Even on your darkest days, remember you are the light of education. Life without teachers would be dark.

BE THE LIGHT!

HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION!

**WATCH:** ["Life Without Teachers"](#)

