

California Department of Education
California School for the Deaf
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March 25, 2021

Dear Families/Guardians,

As a CSD student, your child is interested in participating in a movie night and discussion event led by our Unity for Diversity sponsors. Gran Torino is a movie we will show. **It is a drama movie and R-rated**, which runs for 2 hours. This movie will enable us to have candid conversations about increased hate crimes against Asian folks in the U.S. The Gran Torino movie is considered racist, which is why we must have facilitated discussion about this movie to unpack racism. This movie sends a clear message that these difficult conversations must happen to create transformative social change.

Here's a tidbit from an actor, Bee Vang:

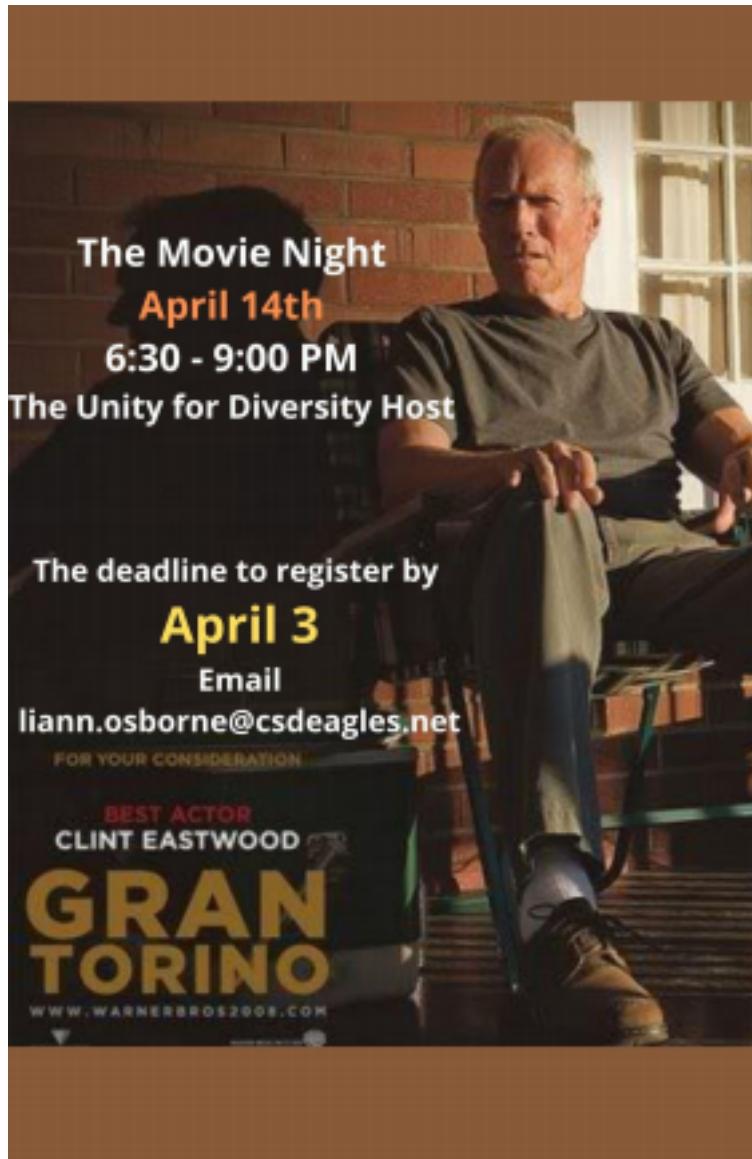
Vang starred in the film as Thao Vang Lor, a young Hmong teenager who befriends his elderly racist neighbor (played by Clint Eastwood). While Vang credits "Gran Torino" for heightening Asian representation on screen, he writes it came at the expense of promoting anti-Asia racism.

This movie is age-appropriate (14-18 years of age), and we will lead the discussion - movie examples of prejudices, stereotypes, and incident questions.

We need your signature below or email confirmation. If you wish to know more about the movie, please contact Liann Osborne at liann.osborne@csdeagles.net.

Sincerely,

Unity for Diversity Sponsors
The Unity for Diversity Movie Night Permission Slip



I am aware that it is rated R, and grant permission for my child to participate in this movie night hosted by the Unity for Diversity on April 14th at 6:30-9:00 PM.

Please sign: _____ Date _____

Or send an email to liann.osborne@csdeagles.net confirming that your child has your permission to watch the movie and participate in the discussion. Please include your child's full name and age along with your full name.