



Diversity + Inclusion

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In this month's newsletter, it is important that we address the atrocities that have been in the forefront of the news. Our first page is devoted to this. You can find the usual newsletter in the following pages.

The D&I committee is dedicated to creating an inclusive community of respect and equity and it is vital that we, both individually and as a school, address the racism that has permeated this country for far too long. It is not enough for us to express outrage at the murder of George Floyd or the ingrained racism shown in Amy Cooper's privilege, we must offer families in our community ways to take action, to show up for racial justice. We have work to do. We need families to stand up as anti-racist--with actions, not just words. Here are some resources focused on talking about the current injustices, and ways in which families can actively combat racism.

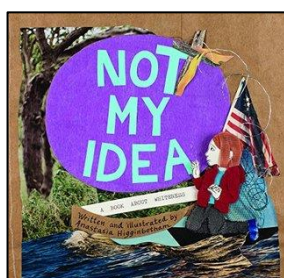
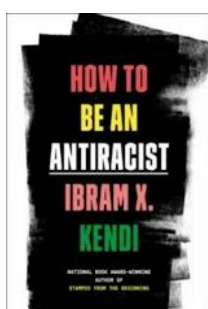
- The Center for Racial Justice's Guide to [Talking to Kids about Race](#)
- Embrace.org has [10 Tips for Teaching and Talking to Kids about Race](#)
- [Teaching Young Children about Race: A Guide for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [5 Ways White People can Take Action](#)

Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: [Resource Roundup](#)

If you do nothing else today, sign [the commitment form](#) and make a pledge to take action today.

Here are materials from PS39's [Center for Racial Justice](#) Parent Workshop on Race: [Children are Not Colorblind](#) [Lens of Systemic Oppression](#)
[Parents Resource Guide](#) [White Fragility - Robin DiAngelo](#)

Click on each image below for some media resources to guide you.
We need to engage in this work.





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AT HOME: BOOK OF THE MONTH

The June Book of the Month selections are now on our [Webpage](#), along with discussion questions. This month's theme is LGBTQIA+. Featured titles are:

- **K/1st Grades:** [Introducing Teddy: A Story About Being Yourself](#) by Jessica Walton
- **2nd/3rd Grades:** [When Aidan Became A Brother](#) by Kyle Lukoff

4th/5th Grades: [Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution](#) by Rob Sanders.

If you would like to buy these books, check our Amazon [Wish List](#) where books can be purchased.

In addition, [Here](#) is a link to free resources for audiobooks, ebooks and more. And stay tuned for a book sharing document to be sent out shortly so kids can connect over books.

SOCIAL DISTANCING ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDDOS

We've come up with some safe (and screen free!) ideas for our children to be able to connect with their friends. Check them out [Here](#).

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CAMP FRIENDSHIP FOOD PANTRY

We continue to find ways to contribute to our community. There's a new addition to the ways we can help. Our community's own Camp Friendship has opened a [Food Pantry](#) and they are looking for volunteers and donations!

Please join in our community outreach. Our efforts continue and can also be found on our [Webpage](#). [Contact Us](#) to join in the effort.



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JUNE MEETINGS

Please join our Outreach Team [Meetings](#) every Thursday at 8pm and our Monthly D&I [Meeting](#) on June 23rd at 8pm.
ID for both 989-5458-5958
Password for both 615849

FAMILY SUPPORTS

We continue to update our [Webpage](#) with family and mental health support options on an ongoing basis.

SUMMER ENGAGEMENT KIT

Stay tuned for our upcoming Summer Engagement Kit with tons of ideas for Summer Fun!

DIALOGUE & DRINKS

This month's book selection [Patsy](#) by Nicole Dennis-Benn. This month's D&D selection is an at home suggested read. We encourage everyone to read and discuss these selections.

WORTH FOLLOWING

Shifting to Instagram for this one. [@florencegiven](#) British illustrator Florence Given may only be 20 years old, but her powerful, inclusive artwork is already known around the world. Her book, "[Women Don't Owe You Pretty](#)" comes out this month.

CONTACT US!

If you have any questions or input, please [Contact Us](#) @ diversity@ps39.org. We want to hear from you! Please share your voice with us through our new [Feedback Form](#).

DEFINING A TERM

LGBTQIA+

Each letter can stand for multiple things. Lesbian, Gay/Genderqueer/Gender fluid, Bisexual/Bigender, Trans*(as an umbrella term)/Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Aromantic/Agender/Abrosexual/Abroromantic and the + is meant to represent those not fitting into these categories.

FEATURED MEDIA

This year, the pride parade will take place digitally across 220 countries. Please visit [Global Pride Parade](#) on June 27th to join the party.