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PS39 MASK INITIATIVE



We are seeking mask donations as well as sewers and crafters to construct masks and ear savers so that everyone who needs a mask has one. Starting with PS39, we plan to build partnerships with other schools in the future. If you are interested in participating, please email Lesa Rozmarek at masks@ps39.org

SIGNS!

Let's make more signs of activism, support, kindness, or protest to add to our school fence! Email us @ diversity@ps39.org if you are in need of supplies. Please use recycled materials whenever possible!

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AT HOME: BOOK OF THE MONTH

The November Book of the Month selections are now on our [Webpage](#), along with discussion questions. This month's theme is **Native American Heritage**.

Featured titles are:

K/1st Grades: [Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story](#) by Kevin Noble Maillard

2nd/3rd Grades: [We Are Water Protectors](#) by Carole Lindstrom

4th/5th Grades: [The People Shall Continue](#) by Simon J. Ortiz

Discussion Questions:

[K/1st](#)

[2nd/3rd](#)

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If you would like to buy any of these books for home or for a classroom to be "checked out" by students, we encourage you to purchase from our local, independent bookstore, [Books Are Magic](#). In addition, [Here](#) is a link to free resources for audiobooks and ebooks. And check out book swaps for each grade band, so kids can connect over books.

[Kindergarten- Grade 1 Swap](#)

[Grade 2 and Grade 3 Swap](#)

[Grade 4 and Grade 5 Swap](#)



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DIALOGUE & DRINKS

Please join us for Dialogue & Drinks on Monday, November 23rd at 8:30pm, for some adult conversation about this month's selection, [The Vanishing Half](#) by Brit Bennett. RSVP to diversity@ps39.org for Zoom details.

FEATURED MEDIA


[The Ally Nudge](#). Each month, This program, created by Dr. Akila Cadet, Founder and CEO of [Change Cadet](#), will help you to do the work to be an ally to the Black community, all via text, helping you learn and take action.

WORTH FOLLOWING


Gyasi Ross is [@BigIndianGyasi](#), an advocate for Native peoples in the fields of law, education, activism, literature and filmmaking. He is the author of two [books](#). Gyasi tweets a mixture of Native calls to action, political insight, and banter.

STORY OF YOUR NAME PADLET

Please check out the amazing [Story of the Name Padlet](#) created by our PS39 1st Graders. Each month we will feature student entries in our newsletter.



Owen Levi Luria: My mom and dad named me Owen Levi, named after my mom's grandma Lea. My nickname is O-O. I love my name. At my bris, my family also gave me a Hebrew name, צבי, ("Tzvi"). It was the same Hebrew name as my dad's grandpa and it means "gazelle" or "glory."



Ehimay Gupta: My name is Ehimay Gupta. My mom named me. "Ehimay" means All Pervasive in Hindi, it comes from a Sanskrit word. My last name "Gupta" comes from my dad's family, it is a common last name in India. My nickname is Ehi. My name is special because it is unique.

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 [Feedback Form](#).