

Pierce Middle School

Milton, Massachusetts

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Dear Pierce Parent/Caregiver,

Pierce Middle School recognizes that middle school is a time of great exploration among our students. With that being said, Pierce also acknowledges the importance of affinity groups for underrepresented groups in our school community. An affinity group is a group of people with common interests, background, and experience that come together to support each other. The goal of our affinity group is to provide a safe and positive space for students where they are the majority to support one another. During the 18-19 Academic Year, we started a Gay Straight Alliance Club which continues to be active and this year we are happy to announce the start of the Mosaic Club. This club was scheduled to start in March 2020 but due to school closure, the start of the club has been delayed.

The Mosaic Club is an affinity group for students of color who identify as African American/Black, Latinx/Hispanic-American, Native-American, Middle-Eastern-American, Asian/Asian-American, or Multiracial. The purpose of the affinity group is to provide students of color with a safe space to build connections, provide academic, social and cultural affirmation, foster healthy identity development, and develop leadership and self advocacy skills. Student participation in this group is voluntary. The common themes for this group will focus on affirming and celebrating identity, building community and cultivating leadership.

The meetings will be held virtually every Thursdays after school 2:50 pm to 3:20 pm. Student participation in this group is voluntary and there is no cost for participation. The Mosaic Club is an open-ended group where students can join at any time. This group will start on Thursday, October, 22, 2020 at 2:50 pm. Please complete this form to sign your child up for the Mosaic Club.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the program coordinator, Myriam Francoeur, LICSW, School Adjustment Counselor, at 617-615-6521or mfrancoeur@miltonps.org.



If your child would like to participate in the Mosaic Club, please complete the digital form or send an email to Mrs.Francoeur, School Adjustment Counselor at <u>mfrancoeur@miltonps.org</u>, 617-615-6521 or Ms. Benjamin, Guidance Counselor, <u>ebenjamin@miltonps.org</u>, 781-436-2615. The email needs to have the following information below.

Student Name:	Student Grade:	6	7	8
Student's Email Address				
I consent for my child to participate in the Mosaic	Club			
Parent/CaregiverName:				
Parent/CaregiverSignature:				
Date:	Phone number:			