



Florida Ruffin Ridley School

Work Hard, Be Kind, Help Others



ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

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Hello Coolidge Corner School Families and Friends,

As I shared in my weekly update to families, this Friday at 10:30a we will be hosting an all school assembly.

The purpose of this assembly is to come together as a community in response to the recent race-based violence and targeted acts of hate and oppression – including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor – that have made persistent systems of racism visible. This assembly is open to all our PreK-8 students and we hope that everyone, families included, will join us.

Below is an outline of the assembly. We will be using clips from the [Sesame Street CNN Town Hall titled “Standing Up to Racism”](#) to help introduce, explain, and learn more about the topics outlined below.

- Introduction: Jen Buller and Saeed Ola
- What is racism and why are people protesting?
- What is white privilege ?
- Examples of CCS community members practicing anti-racist activism
- Concrete examples of what to do next

As part of the assembly we are looking to share photographs of ways that our CCS community has been involved in anti-racist activism. Perhaps you have photos from a protest or a sign your child made to hang in your window. If you have any of these images and give us permission to use them in our assembly please send them to Jen Sanders (jennifer_sanders@psbma.org).

After the assembly we will be hosting **affinity** groups through virtual meetings for some of our students. An **affinity** group is a group of people who share a particular aspect of their identity. The **affinity** groups on Friday will be for students who feel specifically impacted by the recent events due to their racial identity. The purpose of the groups is to provide these students with a space to express their feelings and receive support.

If your child would like to attend an **affinity** group please [register here](#) by Thursday at noon. Links to the **affinity** groups will be shared with registered

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families Thursday afternoon.

This assembly is a small action step that our community is taking on our road to everyday anti-racist education and work. There is much more we need and intend to do in the coming school year. Currently, our Access and Equity team of educators are meeting regularly to discuss what concrete steps we will be taking as learners and leaders in the coming months. We welcome families to join us in the work and encourage you to connect with Kristin Hung (kjhung@post.harvard.edu), one of our Equity PAC family representatives, as well as share voice and perspectives directly with our team.

If you have specific questions about the assembly and/or the **affinity** groups, please reach out directly to me.

Jen

Link to Assembly Webinar on Friday at 10:30a
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