

Optional 4th & 5th Grade After School Affinity Clubs!

Hello 4th/5th Grade Families!

You are receiving this invitation because your student has expressed interest in joining one of Rock Creek's optional, after-school affinity clubs! Rock Creek is offering a BIPOC affinity space for students who identify as BIPOC and/or multiracial, as well as a white learning space affinity group for our white-identifying students. It is completely up to each individual family to decide which group their student joins. The affinity groups offer safe and brave spaces for conversation and collaboration around student identities so that students can come back together to form even stronger relationships based on trust and support. With this model, our BIPOC-identifying students have a safe space to share common experiences and celebrate their differences, while allowing our white students to ask questions, learn, and make mistakes without harming their peers. The BIPOC affinity group will be facilitated by one of our 4th grade teachers, [REDACTED] and the school success specialist at Westview High School, [REDACTED]. The white learning space will be co-facilitated by Rock Creek's school counselor, [REDACTED] and social worker, [REDACTED]. The facilitators will have sessions planned for the first couple of months, but it is our intention to have the groups be student-driven; therefore, the students will decide what topics they want to focus on, and the facilitators will adapt the groups to follow the students' lead. The groups will meet separately for the first couple of sessions as the groups will be learning about themselves, their strengths, their cultures, and what makes them unique! Starting in November, the groups will meet together for activities, art projects, cultural lessons, service projects, and more that center around peaceful conflict resolution, inclusivity, tolerance, and whatever else the students identify as important to them! If you or your family has any questions, please email me at: [REDACTED] or you can message me on ParentSquare. If you give permission for your student to attend, please fill out and sign the back of this form and have your student return it to their teacher. Thank you!

The groups will meet every other Monday (more dates to come!). Our first meeting will be on **Monday, October 2nd** from **3:05pm-4pm**. **Students MUST have transportation home after the meeting or have permission to walk home alone. Transportation will NOT be provided for these clubs.**

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Rock Creek School School Counselor

By signing below, I give my student permission to attend the Rock Creek Affinity Clubs after school from 3:05pm-4:00pm. I give permission for my child to walk home alone or I, the guardian, will provide transportation home. I understand that the Affinity Clubs WILL NOT offer transportation home.

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER NAME AND GRADE: _____

YES, I GIVE PERMISSION FOR _____ TO ATTEND.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

MY CHILD WILL WALK HOME ALONE

MY CHILD WILL BE PICKED UP