

Hindley School

DEI Committee



Nov 2021 Update



Upcoming Activities

Monday 11/29
DEI Parent Coffee
11:30 a.m.
22 Beach Dr.
(backyard)

Sat. 12/11
Holiday Market
Diorama/Table
2-4pm

Tue. 12/16
DEI All
Elementary
Schools Zoom
10:30-11:30 a.m.

From your Chairs: Partnering across the PTO

After kicking off the year with a successful table at the Hindley Bash, our efforts started to focus more on working with Committee Chairs from across the PTO to make sure everything we do at Hindley includes a DEI lens.

Most notably, we have been working in coordination with the PTO Enrichment Chairs to propose a variety of exciting opportunities for students in the second half of the year.

Together, we recently presented several suggestions to Principal Snowden, including additional author visits, music/dance/theater activities, cultural awareness activities, and more.

Principal Snowden welcomed our ideas and we await feedback once she discusses the many exciting options with teachers and staff in the coming weeks. If you have good ideas for diverse enrichment, please email !

Looking ahead, we encourage you to share your diverse traditions through a holiday diorama at the Holiday Market on 12/11. Take a break from shopping and visit our table where we will showcase the significance of "Light" in different cultures around the world as we march toward the winter solstice.

Special Education Day is observed on Dec. 2nd and Disability Awareness Day is Dec. 3. We are working with the SE Committee on ways to support their efforts to make sure all differences are respected and welcome at Hindley.

DPS DEI Network

The Hindley DEI Chairs have been meeting monthly with our counterparts from across DPS since last Spring to share ideas and concerns, collaborate and engage productively on DEI-related effort across the district. In recent months, we have added reps from MMS and DHS, which has provided insight and opportunities beyond our K-5 grades.

This meeting is open to anyone who wants to engage at a deeper level with our Committee work. Please reach out to Carrie and Belinda if you would like to receive the invite for the next call on 12/16.

Community Corner

There are many wonderful ways people are coming together across Darien to share diverse traditions, learn from each other, and create a community of inclusivity. Here are a few we thought you might find interesting:

- Public Menorah Lighting: December 1, 6pm at Grove Street Plaza
- YWCA's "Darien United" pledge and 14-Day Racial Equity/Social Justice Challenge (starting Jan 3, 2022)
- Darien Library: Dec. 1 virtual program with the Jewish Museum to explore the role of light in the Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa holidays
- District to soon extend invitation to potential "Equity Team" members as part of Strategic Plan (wide range of students, BOE, community members and parents)