Character Education Theme: Patience

Restorative Practice Conference Information Nights
During Conferences, our two Restorative Practice Coordinators met with families who were interested in learning more about Restorative Practices and how it will be a part of their students experience at Nokomis.

What is Restorative Practices (RP)?
Restorative practice is a way of being, an approach, a practice that is grounded in relationships. Restorative Practices is a way for a school community to build relationships, problem solve and learn from each other. In this approach, relationships are the most important way we learn about the world and ourselves.

How will RP be implemented at Nokomis?
A way that your student may experience restorative practices is by being in circle. In a circle there is someone who holds the circle (a circle keeper). The circle keeper will send a talking piece around and ask a question or prompt. Whoever has the talking piece will have the chance to share, then pass the talking piece to the person next to them. In practicing this, we hope to encourage student’s voices to be heard inside their community. Each student is valued for what they share in community. Circles primarily focus on building relationships among students and staff so that they feel safe, respected and welcomed in their classrooms.

What is a Community Building Circle?
A community building circle is a circle that’s intention is to build community by gaining understanding of the individuals in the community. In classroom settings, it can be about values, friendships, families or even student’s interests. It often includes story telling as a way to deeply know each other.

What is next for Restorative Practices at Nokomis?
In the coming months at Nokomis, our teachers will either be participating, co-planning, or co-keeping community building circles with our two RP coordinators in their classroom communities.

Parents, if you would like to learn more about Restorative Practices and the Circle Process please contact:

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Join us on Thursday, December 13th 5:00pm-6:30pm for our Nokomis Climate Advisory Team Meeting. Free school-age child care is provided.