Character Education Theme: Respect

A Kindergartener’s Holiday Circle Story -

At a Nokomis Climate Advisory Team meeting, a parent of a Kindergarten student shared a heartfelt story of how circles have come to touch their family. A student from Ms. Julia’s Children’s House classroom was celebrating with family during winter break and wanted to introduce the circle and talking piece. The student shared with the family what was important about the talking piece and how it works. They then passed the talking piece around with a question, “What is one thing you like about Christmas?” The talking piece made its way around to everyone in the room. With the simple wisdom of knowing what the significance of the talking piece, a kindergarten student was able to simply share the gift of circle to their family.

Students sharing their stories of circle and our Nokomis Community

On Friday, February 22nd, we hosted members of the Saint Paul Public School Restorative Practice steering committee at Nokomis. They got a chance to meet our staff, tour our building, but most importantly hear from the students what Restorative Practices and circles has done for their community and learning. Five E2 students who volunteered to share their stories all spoke to how circles has given them a voice in their classrooms and feeling heard.

Spring Conferences Family, Student, Staff Community Building Circle

We would like to invite parents to a community building circle for parents during conferences. We hope to get to know parents, hear student’s success stories across (all grade levels), and strengthen our community. Please look towards March’s Restorative Practice Newsletter for the flyer for our Spring Conference Circles.

Restorative Practices at Nokomis, we need your support and voices for our 2019-2020 Renewal Process!

As we embark on the second half of the school year, Our Restorative Practices team has been planning what Restorative Practices will look like for next year. Many classrooms have already used circles to build community and address student needs in the classes. There is one important piece still missing, that is your voice. We would love to hear from you about how Restorative Practices can continue to improve our school for families and students.

If you’ve held circles at home, please share your stories with staff or through email. We are interested in hearing how Restorative Practices has been going for you as well as know how to support your families use of Circles.

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Join us on Thursday, March 14th 5:00pm-6:30pm for our Nokomis Climate Advisory Team Meeting. Free school-age child care is provided.