Restorative Practices Recap

Character Education Theme: Independence

Staff Monthly Restorative Circle
At October’s restorative practice staff circle we focused on deepening staff relationships while being in circle. So many beautiful discoveries took place as staff shared things that others might not know already. These stories allowed us to make connections which in turn, strengthened our relationships.

At our September circle, our staff tied together strings as they shared something that has been going well in their life. These strings became a part of our center piece.

At October’s circle, we created a community talking piece to ground us in our values. As our staff put a bead on the string, they each shared a value that they were bringing to circle.

What will Restorative Practices look like?
As Restorative Practices moves towards whole school implementation, our primary focus for our first year with the RP grant is to build capacity for our staff. In our first two months of school, RP has conducted check-ins with teachers to discuss how Restorative Practices might fit into their classroom structure. The intention with these check-ins were to identify goals, needs, and different approaches for RP in their own practices. From these check-ins, we have gained more insight on how we plan to model community building circles, provide informational approaches/prompts, and change our mindset from consequences to learning.

October NCAT Meeting
This year we are incorporating Restorative Practices in NCAT by meeting in Circle. We began our October meeting by getting to know one another better. We introduced the idea of holding Circles and information sessions about Restorative Practices during conferences, and heard positive feedback and ideas about those opportunities. We then discussed having Nokomis Spirit days. Our students are currently voting on those, to be announced at November’s NCAT meeting! Finally, we recapped last year’s Check and Connect program, and planned its launch for 2018-2019, possibly involving parents and community members. Next month we will set our calendar for the rest of the year, and begin planning for National African American Parent Involvement Day. We hope to see you there!

Join us at these events to learn more:

Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 13th and Thursday November 15th
  6:00-6:20 p.m. (Information session)
  6:30-7:00 p.m. (RP Circle)
- Friday, November 16th
  10:10-12:00 a.m. (Information Session)
  10:30-11 a.m. (RP Circle)

Nokomis Climate Advisory Team
- Thursday, November 8th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.