

Ideas Generated from Community Meeting 1/17/17

Support and connections for parents and students

1. Kindergarten parent buddies
2. Equity champion
3. Bus monitoring
4. School facebook page (separate from parent FB page)
5. Parent partner for each class. Plan playdates outside of school or low/no-cost parent gatherings
6. Buddy Bench
7. Community Garden (depending on goal, this could go in another bucket)
8. **Lunch (family style lunch, longer lunch, lunch in the classroom as a way for teachers to community-build)**
9. **Family events that are free and low-cost (play dates in park, etc.)**
10. **Parent partner for each grade and parent partner for each classroom**
11. **School-wide picnic with more organization**
12. **Grade-based activity (movie night, sports, etc.)**

(Bold=Action items for this year and next)

Art

1. Post our values inside the front door (MPS, Burroughs)
2. T-shirts that list our values
3. Permanent, inclusive, encouraging chalk on sidewalk
4. Permanent or rotating inclusive, encouraging signage outside and inside
5. **Sidewalk chalking that is inclusive and encouraging (could be done by teacher and/or students to model words that support social and emotional learning)**
6. **Use the spirit wear display case to show art that reflects diversity of views and experiences; possible procure more display cases as funds provide**
7. **Parents to go through classroom books and see if they reflect diversity of students and the world we live in**
8. **World culture day or Potluck Day so students can experience different foods, arts, cultural practices**

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Connections to wider community

1. Service-learning through student council
 - a. School-wide service learning activities
 - b. School-wide donation drives or "change for change" collection
 2. Service-learning parent partner for each grade
 3. Youth Frontiers Retreat
 4. **Partner with Green Central or other Ramsey feeder school to camp together or do activities together (e.g., Lego robotics)**
 - Acknowledge each school is different and has different needs**
 - a. **Ensure partnership, not a benefactor role**
 - b. **Create one to two events this year to bring families together**
 - c. **Once activities are set, create a Facebook page for the parents of the three schools heading to Ramsey**
 5. Resource sharing
 - a. **Shared fundraising strategies**
 - b. **Conversations at Burroughs to earmark funds to support community initiatives**
 - c. **Time and talent resource sharing between three schools**
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Support for Teachers and Staff

1. Southern Poverty Law Center's teachingtolerance.org
2. Roots of Empathy program
3. World Savvy program
4. Mindful Schools program
5. StartEmpathy.org (changemaker school)
6. **Supply a list of book and literature that touches on many topics, available for parents and families to check out**
7. **Invite teachers to have conversations in classrooms about different topics**
8. **Sharing different community events as a learning experience for all**
9. **All Nations Day, each classroom focuses on different culture or religion and have students go to other classrooms**