



Sept 16, 2019

Dear Parent (s),

We are working this year to implement an additional club/team for our 4th and 5th grade students. This will be a Student Led Equity Team. The overall mission of this team will be to give students the opportunity to have a voice in the development and planning of school-wide activities, events, and resources which will be inclusive for ALL students. The members of this team will be based on student interest, as well as staff recommendations. In order for it to be a manageable team, we are starting our first year off with ten students amongst both fourth and fifth grade levels. The team will be advised by our School Counselor, Gwen McLean and School Psychologist, Nicole Moyer. Our plan is that the group would meet once/twice a month for thirty minutes toward the end of the school day with the team advisors. We are limiting the amount of meeting times in order to minimize interference of classroom instruction. Some of the responsibilities of the team members will be, but not limited to: 1) engaging in group conversation for ideas/feedback of school-wide initiatives, 2) creating displays/posters, resources to share about different cultures, 3) presenting(as a team) to our school about any projects the team is working on, etc. We are extremely excited about starting this team at our school. We think it is very important for ALL students' voices to be heard and represented. It is our hope that this is a first step in accomplishing that goal. If your child has an interest in being a part of this team, please have them write a short paragraph on the following topic: What does it mean to YOU to include everyone? Please have them submit their responses to their classroom teachers by October 4th. This is not an essay contest, but primarily to give us an idea of their level of interest and/or passion with this topic.

We hope that you will allow your child the opportunity to be a part of Harris Creek's first Student Led Equity Team and help us continue building a stronger school community that everyone feels a part of.

Kind Regards,

Gwen McLean and Nicole Moyer