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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The week of 9/20/21-9/24/21 will be celebrated as a Week of Inclusion across every elementary school within the Woodbridge Township School District. The goal of this week is to provide an opportunity to build an inclusive school culture where all students feel part of the school community. The activities will vary by grade level, but will include wearing school colors, discussing the Anti-Racism Pledge, and the reading of books that embrace diversity.

As a reminder, our Elementary Anti-Racism Pledge states that-

- I will stand up for others and not be a bystander.
- I will make sure my words are kind and show I care.
- I will be kind to everyone in person and online.
- I will treat others with kindness and respect.
- I will honor and celebrate what makes us special and different.
- I promise to keep learning how to make myself, my school, and my community a more accepting place.

Some of the books which will be read are included below. The read alouds for these books will be posted on the District webpage for your access.

- Kindergarten: All Are Welcome, by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman
- Grade 1: Whoever You Are, by Mem Fox
- Grade 2: I Am Enough, by Grace Byers
- Grade 3: Say Something, by Peter H. Reynolds
- Grade 4: The Day You Begin, by Jacqueline Woodson
- Grade 5: Milo Imagines The World, by Matt de la Peña

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kendell Ali", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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