

WEEK OF RESPECT

Guidance Department Monthly Newsletter



Willingboro Public Schools

"Where Excellence is the Expectation"

Encouraging a Culture Of Respect

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The Willingboro Public Schools is committed to supporting our students and families in creating a safe and nurturing learning environment for optimum growth and preparedness for future endeavors. With this in mind, we embrace the New Jersey Department of Education's goal of having "New Jersey school districts recognize the importance of developing and maintaining positive school climates, and providing students with a safe and supportive school environment devoid of harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) that encourages academic success and increased social and emotional competence". To accomplish this goal we are actively participating in the the Week of Respect, which "offers New Jersey schools an opportunity to concentrate on this effort by delivering age-appropriate instruction to students on these essential topics".

Please see the history below related to the Week of Respect.

"The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L.2010, c.122) requires that the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year be designated as the Week of Respect in New Jersey. To recognize the importance of social and emotional learning and character education, school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are required to observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focused on preventing HIB. Approved private schools for students with disabilities are encouraged, but not required, to observe this week".

Please consider reviewing the following resources:

For School and District Staff:

- [New Jersey Department of Education Social and Emotional Learning](#)
- [Center on Great Teachers and Leaders: Self-Assessing Social and Emotional Instruction and Competencies](#)
- [Preventing Bullying in Schools](#)

For Parents and Students:

- [Social and Emotional Learning Toolkit](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance: Classroom Lessons](#)
- [Stomp Out Bullying](#)

Also, please see the activities for Week of Respect for our nine (9) schools in the right column. Thank you so much for your time and may you have a great day!

WEEK OF RESPECT ACTIVITIES

[Garfield East ECDC](#)

[J.C. Stuart ECDC](#)

[Hawthorne Elem. Sch.](#)

[Twin Hills Elem. Sch.](#)

[W.R. James Elem. Sch.](#)

[Levitt Intermediate Sch.](#)

[Memorial Middle Sch.](#)

[Willingboro High Sch.](#)

[Alternative Sch. at
Bookbinder](#)