

PARKERS PRAIRIE
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Monday's Diversity Council workshop was a positive experience for the students and for the staff. Thank you for your support as we work together to build the growth mindset, kindness, and respect desired for our school's culture and the students' future. Students learned of their responsibility in conversations and in getting to know someone for the first time. We discussed how first impressions are made in a tenth of a second. The council gave students tools to use to get beyond their first impressions and understand people on a deeper level. They taught students about the growth mindset and how it can play into every aspect of our lives, from learning math to learning about others. The three steps the students were taught are:

1. **Kindly Correct** behavior with respect
2. **Model Behavior** as you wish to see it
3. **Find an Ally** someone who can help you make the right decisions

Following Monday's workshop with students, the high school staff met with the Diversity Council to review the workshop as a whole. We will continue the work over the course of the year. Staff will dialog as a team and work with students in their classrooms. Students will have an opportunity to give feedback on the workshops next week. We will take the information they give and determine specific actions that we will take within the classrooms.

As we move forward together, know that our staff stands ready to help when students are in need. Additionally, we have resources for them, both as individuals and as groups. Again, thank you for your trust and support in the school. Working together, it is definitely a wonderful place for all.

With Commitment to Students' Personal Successes,



Carey M. Johnson
High School Principal