

# Parents In Action!

## UPCOMING BEYOND DIFFERENCES EVENTS

**A quick and handy monthly listing of important dates for parents who need to juggle many schedules!**

### May 4th: Teen Board Meeting

- 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Mill Valley Community Center (180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA 94941)

### May 5, 6, 7, 14th: LATP Session 15 - Blogging and Digital Citizenship/Planning End of Year Event

- White Hill: May 5
- Davidson: May 6
- Hall and Kent: May 7
- Brandeis: May 14

### May 19, 20, 21, 28: LATP Session 16 - End Of Year Reflections/Affirmations/Looking Forward

- White Hill: May 19
- Davidson: May 20
- Hall and Kent: May 21
- Brandeis: May 28

## Calling All Beyond Differences Leaders: SAVE THE DATE!



### May 31st: End of Year PARTY (Teen Board and LATP!)

- 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM
- Lark Theater 549 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, CA 94939

This year, for our End of Year Party, we will start at the Lark Theatre for a movie showing, then walking across the street to The American Legion for pizza and celebration! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun evening!

## CHECK US OUT!

Watch our latest video, "The World I Want" and learn how Beyond Differences is working to end social isolation and change the culture of middle schools through student leadership and empowerment!

<http://www.beyonddifferences.org/#/videos/c1qr6>

## TAKE ACTION!

...a few other easy ways you can support Beyond Differences

- **Attention Parents!**
- Those who are eager to fund-raise, event plan, organize, and help shape the future of Beyond Differences should contact Board Member Marit Bakken at Marit.Bakken@me.com.
- We are looking for dedicated adults who are interested in leadership positions with the Beyond Differences Board of Directors! Contact lauratalmus@gmail.com for more information

## SWEATSHIRTS FOR SALE!

**Beyond Differences** Sweatshirts for sale in two different styles! Get yours at the next LATP or Teen Board meeting or at the end of the year party! Yours for \$38!



## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY UPDATES

**A glimpse into the life of an LATP student this month!**

**Davidson:** Davidson is gearing up for their end of the year activity: a movie day! The group is excited to present "The Incredibles" - a story about a family of heroes who don't always fit in. Students will be encouraged to work together on movie trivia and will be eligible to win prizes throughout.

**Hall and Kent:** We got to do some reflecting on the year with Beyond Differences so far, watch our new movie "The World I Want" (which many of you are starring in!) AND plan for some awesome End of Year Events! Kent students worked on a campaign to send 8th graders notes of kindness before they graduate, and Hall students talked about plans for the Beyond Differences club for the rest of the year as well as a grand finale on June 4th.

**White Hill:** White Hill started their conversation on end of the year events and was excited to narrow down to two ideas: field day and a trivia hour. Awesome! The angle for both is forming teams of people and challenging each other to rely on each other in new and intentional ways.

**Brandeis:** Brandeis is fired up about their final event of the year: a school wide photo scavenger hunt! Our team was eager and excited to hash out the details of this doozy. Groups will be formed at random and will be challenged to complete a series of tasks that relate to team building, interacting with staff and faculty, and being silly as a team! Here, everyone's a winner!

**Sinaloa:** Sinaloa hosted a fabulous community building egg hunt! We challenged participants to partner up with someone new, made them link arms, and sent them a huntin! Eggs were filled with candy and inspirational messages of friendship and community building.

### Coming up Next for the LATP:

- **Finalizing Plans for End of Year Event!**

## TEEN BOARD CORNER



At our April Teen Board meeting, we reviewed all of the progress made through the Annual Event and Strategic Planning Sessions, as well as our latest assemblies and panels. We then spent the first half of our meeting breaking down Privilege and Stereotypes. As Gabi Finestone noted, "Recognizing the privileges that you have is not meant to cause guilt, but to understand how you can use those privileges to assist the underprivileged." Teen Board members explored their role in using their leadership roles and social "power" to promote social inclusion and level the playing field for everyone.

Next, we had a very special presenter by the name of Orgyen Chowang Rinpoche, from the Pristine Mind Foundation. Rinpoche's teachings allow us to connect with our minds and with other people in the best way possible. "A good leader," he taught us, "must have a strong, powerful, and fearless mind. The way to achieve this is through working with your mind." Our characteristics, attitude, and positivity helps us to lead the world. And we all left the meeting inspired to do just that!

See you at our next Teen Board meeting, May 4th from 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM at the Mill Valley Community Center!