

Parents In Action!

UPCOMING BEYOND DIFFERENCES EVENTS

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

February 27th: Assembly at the Marin School

- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 150 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael

February 28th: Assembly at Hall Middle School

- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- 200 Doherty Drive, Larkspur

March 10th: Assembly at Burlingame Intermediate School

- 11:40am -1:40 pm
- 1715 Quesada Way, Burlingame

March 15th: Marin Teen Girl Conference

- 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Embassy Suites, 101 Mcinnis Pkwy., San Rafael

Conference was created BY girls FOR girls (8th grade through 12th grade) to find the support they need to lead the lives they want.

The day includes featured speakers, art projects, breakfast, lunch, and workshops on: Power of Positive Thinking, Rising Above Mean Girl Behavior, Financial Skills, and many more.

Register online at www.marinteengirl.org (\$150 scholarships available).

Sunday, March 23: Music: The Power to Change Hearts and Minds.

- 9:30 – 10:30 AM
- Gresham Hall at Grace Cathedral, 1100 California Street, San Francisco

Join the Dean of Grace Cathedral for The Forum with Jane Clementi (co-founder of the Tyler Clementi Foundation, which promotes safe, inclusive and respectful social environments in homes, schools, campuses, churches and the digital world for vulnerable youth, LGBT youth and their allies) and Dr. Timothy Seelig.

Admission is free

More info: www.gracecathedral.org/forum

CHECK US OUT!



Thank you to all of you who attended our **Beyond Differences Parent Night** back in December, and to all of you who contributed to our new video about the event and our amazing programs!

Take two minutes to click and watch: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCU3eb_gAk

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.
- Interested in helping us get ready for the Annual Event? Contact Jacqueline Neuwirth at jneuwith@gmail.com.
- We are looking for dedicated adults who are interested in leadership positions with the Beyond Differences Board of Directors! Contact lauratamus@gmail.com for more information.

Students!

We need your help inviting your family friends to the Annual Event! Pass along our event information on Facebook! See the website for more details.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY UPDATES

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



Davidson: Davidson participated in a fabulous workshop empathy this week. The group could really relate to the idea that a shared human experiences is what connects us all. We're excited to bring this mentality into our lunch club!

Hall and Kent: Students from these two schools worked together to discuss the topic of **empathy**. We really enjoyed the video produced by Soul Pancake on the power of human connection. The message, that we can all relate to each other in one way or another is very powerful. We were able to connect the practice of **empathy** to the work we do with **Beyond Differences!** We are also excited for our next assembly at Hall later on this week!

White Hill: Students from White Hill spent our last meeting discussing gender stereotypes and the harmful impacts of the gender binary - the idea that there are only men and women, masculine and feminine. We talked about the social fabrication of gender and we recognized the importance of changing our language to be inclusive and welcoming of all people regardless of their differences.

Brandeis: Brandeis students engaged in a really meaningful conversation on cliques and groups. We talked about the benefits of groups and the harmful dynamics of cliques - more specifically the negative impacts of intentionally leaving others out. Brandeis leaders were eager to discuss their own experiences with these social situations and we were able to connect through our shared desire to create more inclusive and welcoming environments.



Sinaloa: Students at Sinaloa led a very successful **No One Eats Alone** event as part of our **National Spread the Love Day!** We were able to connect with students across all grades for a really fun scavenger hunt and dance party.

Coming up Next for the LATP: "Earning Your A's" with Don Kline!

TEEN BOARD CORNER

Beyond Differences is not a membership or club. It's a way of life.

We led had our first assembly at the Family Montessori School in El Cerrito (great job Daniel and Lorrie!) and will be leading assemblies at the Marin School and Hall Middle School this week.

As a result of our mid-year retreat, we have been meeting with the first Executive Committee of the Teen Board, setting goals for various projects including **No One Eats Alone**, the "asknot.fm" project, assemblies, and the annual event.



Look forward to coming back together as a group this Sunday, March 2nd, for our next meeting!