



You are invited to our 6th Annual Spring Garden Party!

Sunday, March 29, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francisco Drake Boulevard, Ross, Ca

Our most popular event of the year, please join us for a memorable evening!

Featuring Congressman Jared Huffman, the Beyond Differences Teen Board of Directors, and our Leadership Academy Training Program students, this is one event you don't want to miss! We hope you can join us!

**I'M IN! ARE YOU?**

BEYOND DIFFERENCES SIXTH ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN PARTY  
MARCH 29, 2015

I'm In! Are YOU? is the powerful campaign launched by the student leaders of Beyond Differences. They personally showed – and asked all their friends and classmates from the West Coast to the East Coast – to be kind online, to respect others' rights online and not to post anonymously. Our I'm In! Campaign will be the prevalent theme for our 6th Annual Spring Garden Party.

For information on the event, please email [beyonddifferences@gmail.com](mailto:beyonddifferences@gmail.com) or call 415-256-9095.

For tickets, please visit us at:  
<https://2015beyonddifferences.org/event/>



Teens Leading Teens: The Beyond Differences Way

Our Beyond Differences Assemblies are unique because the students lead the charge: The adults hang back and the high schoolers mentor the middle school students to be inclusive, kind and respectful. Our method is effective because middle school students trust high school students; they're just out of middle school and provide a very relevant perspective.



Now, in our lunchtime LAMP Meetings, high school mentors are leading middle school students through our Leadership Curriculum. Emma, pictured above, used walnuts to demonstrate how each human being is different and discussed practical ways students can make everyone on campus feel valued and included.

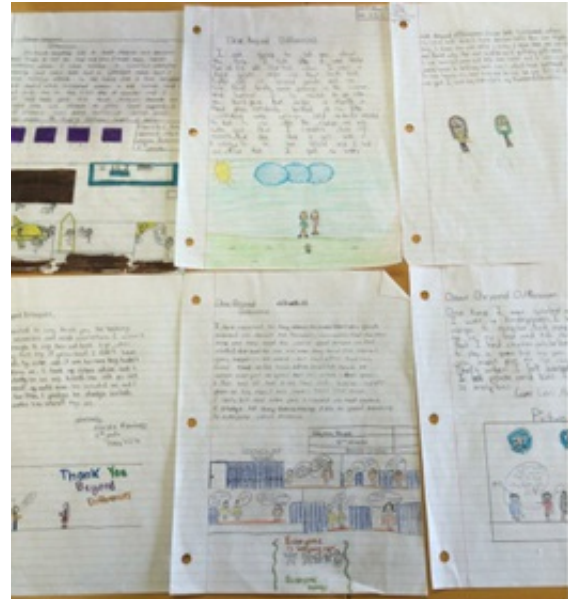
**BE THE ONE** Be The One Day: April 24th 2015

Beyond Differences is partnering with 8 Marin middle schools for Be The One Day, a transformative day where teens "be the one" to include others, be kind and inclusive to their peers. BeyondDiff 7/8th grade student leaders will lead a lunchtime ceremony during the day and host a dance for 6th graders on Friday evening!

**Dance Dance Inclusion!**

On the evening of Friday, April 24th, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at Terra Linda High School's gym in San Rafael, our 7/8th grade students leaders are hosting a dance for 6th graders throughout Marin! Dances can often be a difficult time for socially isolated students, but this dance is engineered to include everyone and make sure everybody has a great time!

All Beyond Differences student leaders are expected to attend.  
To volunteer to chaperone the dance please email: [jfinefrock@beyonddifferences.org](mailto:jfinefrock@beyonddifferences.org)



**Thank You Bahia Vista Elementary!!**

Beyond Differences Staff was intrigued when a large envelope came in the mail. What we found inside was humbling! Our Teen Board of Directors had recently presented an assembly at Bahia Vista Elementary, and the thoughtful thank you's from the students was profound.

The assembly had left its mark. Every 5th grader in the school had seen it, and every student responded with a touching letter of gratitude. Students outlined their own personal commitments to combating social isolation and making their peers feel included. Students said they had never heard the term "social isolation" before but are now dedicated to putting a stop to it! Thank you 5th graders at Bahia Vista Elementary for your hard work!



**A special note from the co-chairs of our Spring Garden Party: Greetings everyone!**

We are buzzing with excitement over all the progress for the much anticipated "Spring Garden Party" March 29th. Thanks to our parent volunteers who are "Getting the Word Out" and helping with Sponsorships. Those of you who can't join the committee's, you can help a ton by making sure friends and family support you and your kids by coming to the event and even being a sponsor!

We Are Parents in Action! Lets make this event a huge success!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Linda & Joe Salesky  
Event Co-Chairs



**UPCOMING BEYOND DIFFERENCES EVENTS**

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**Sunday, April 12 - Teen Board Meeting, 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

OJL Life Lab, 992 4th St. San Rafael, CA

**Friday, April 24 - BE The One Day, Lunchtme @ 8 Marin Middle Schools**

OJL Life Lab, 992 4th St. San Rafael, CA

**Friday, April 24 - Dance Dance Inclusion, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Be The One Day Evening Dance!!!! Our 7/8th grade student

leaders are hosting a dance for 6th graders from throughout Marin County!

Terra Linda High School Gym, 320 Nova Albion Way San Rafael CA

**ASSEMBLIES!**

Beyond Differences offers a powerful assembly program for middle schools presented by the Teen Board of Directors! Students learn about social isolation and brainstorm ways to create a more inclusive community at their middle schools.

On assembly days, some schools host "Be Kind Online Day" in which students take the I'm IN! pledge and promote positive comments online!

Know a middle school interested in a Teen Board assembly?, please contact John Finefrock at [jfinefrock@beyonddifferences.org](mailto:jfinefrock@beyonddifferences.org).

**TAKE ACTION!**

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

**Attention Parents!** The Planning Committee for our March 29th Spring Garden Party will meet March 21st at the Mill Valley Community Center. If you would like to help, or need more information, please contact Linda and Joe Salesky, Event Co-Chairs at [linda@salesky.com](mailto:linda@salesky.com).

If you'd like to help with community outreach activities, please contact Board Member Marit Bakken at [Marit.Bakken@me.com](mailto: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](mailto:lauratalmus@gmail.com) for more information.

Not located in the Bay Area? Parents from throughout the country have taken the initiative to set up events and clubs at their local schools. We can help them! For more information contact [jfinefrock@beyonddifferences.org](mailto:jfinefrock@beyonddifferences.org).

**Thank you for supporting Beyond Differences!**

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