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Building Healthy School Ecosystems through Social Emotional Learning

NEW! Grab n Go SEL Activities!

[SEL Activities: Exploring Culture, Identity & Social Justice](#)
[Let's Talk! Discussing Race, Racism and Other Difficult Topics](#)
[9 Resources for Teaching Anti-Racism](#)

For more activities, please see our [October Monthly Theme](#) (Exploring Culture, Identity and Social Justice) resources at the bottom of this newsletter.

**October Monthly Theme:
Exploring Culture, Identity &
Social Justice**

This month's resources focus on Exploring Culture, Identity and Social Justice. On **October 27th from 3:30-4:30pm**, Generation Schools Network (GSN) will be hosting our second SEL forum on this topic. All staff are welcome to attend and you can register by clicking [here](#).



GSN's Commitment to Creating and Sustaining a Just and Equitable World

As an educational non-profit, we believe that all students deserve access to a high-quality education that meets their needs and prepares them to succeed in school, work, and life. Education systems have long been used to oppress people of color and these inequities fuel our commitment

to fight against racism and discrimination on systemic, personal, and interpersonal levels.

It is our continued responsibility to educate ourselves and one another, become and create allies across racial lines, hold each other accountable, and bring sustainable change into the systems in which we work. We believe that families and children should not have to fear for their safety or well-being and that every student has the right to a healthy life and bright future. To read GSN's full statement on equity, click [here](#).

OCTOBER MONTHLY THEME: <i>Exploring Culture, Identity and Social Justice</i>	
Teachers	<p><i>GSN Monthly Forum on October 27th from 3:30-4:30pm: Exploring Culture, Identity & Social Justice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff are welcome! Register Here. <p>Activities for Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources to Help Teachers Heal, Learn & Listen • A Guide to Equity & Antiracism for Educators <p>Teacher Reflection & Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Tolerance: Race & Ethnicity • Why COVID-19 Is Our Equity Check • What Anti-Racist Teachers Do Differently
Students	<p><i>Recommended GSN Units: ES, MS and HS Exploring Culture, Identity and Social Justice (*spanish versions & a family letter introducing the units will be available in Schoolology)</i></p> <p>NEW! Grab n Go SEL Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEL Activities: Exploring Culture, Identity & Social Justice • Let's Talk! Discussing Race, Racism and Other Difficult Topics • 9 Resources for Teaching Anti-Racism <p>Equity & Education - Remote & In Person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Anti-Racism Videos To Share With Kids: These videos help to explain complex topics to young audiences. • 7 Ways to Make Distance Learning More Equitable <p>Student Voice</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevate Students Cultural Assets, Voice and Agency • Books for Young Readers
<p>Parents & Caregivers</p>	<p><i>Here are some resources and activities to include in your next parent/family newsletter.</i></p> <p>Parent/Family Engagement Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your school can facilitate monthly webinars as outlined by CASEL's Facilitators Guide: SEL Discussion Series for Parents and Caregivers (Session 2 - Hopes and Dreams) • Partner with families to develop a culturally responsive approach to SEL. <p>Talking to Children about Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Anti-Racism Videos To Share With Kids: First section includes "For Parents and Educators" • Talking About Racism and Violence: Resources for Families <p>SEL Activities at Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about Racial & Social Justice at Home • Parent/Family Calendar: Activities to Strengthen the Parent/Guardian Child Relationship
<p>Administration</p>	<p><i>Strategies for facilitating staff meetings and professional learning engagements.</i></p> <p>Activities for Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Questions for Equity Advocates to Ask About Distance Learning • Equity & SEL Resources: a curated list of resources on equity as it relates to social and emotional learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This worksheet is intended to promote reflection on beliefs and actions that shape how your district leverages SEL to advance educational equity. • Common Beliefs Survey: teaching racially and ethnically diverse students • The Big 10 Ideas that Fuel Oppression: use it as a check with staff whenever you are planning <p>Supporting Staff & Virtual Teams</p>

- Fostering [critical reflection](#) on one's own SEL & cultural competencies
- [5 Strategies](#) for System Leaders to Take Action
- Creating the [Space](#) to Talk About Race in Your School
- [Speaking Up Against Racism](#) Around the New Coronavirus

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November Monthly Theme: Gratitude

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