



Rancho Vista Families,

On the heels of our districts message, we are writing you to discuss an important topic not only in our community but in our nation as a whole. Systemic racism is an issue that will not cease until those in positions of privilege speak up for the oppressed. The Rancho Vista PTA is an ally in support of black lives as well as the lives of all people of color.

We understand this is a sensitive time for our nation and as such some of you may not know how to join in support of those in need, while others may not fully understand the plight that the black community deals with on a daily basis. In addition to the soul searching we are all doing as adults our children are the future of our nation and as such, they should be taught inclusion at a young age to help stamp out racism once and for all.

We know we share the common goal of continued learning, emotional and social wellness, and growth as a community. Please see the below resources for your families to explore both together and independently. If any of you have additional recommendations please contact us to see how to spread the word:

Adult Books: (any of the below books can be found on Amazon as well)

- The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our government Segregated America - by Richard Rothstein: Click [Here](#)

- White Fragility - by Robert DiAngelo: Click [Here](#)
- How to be an Antiracist - by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi: Click [Here](#)
- Black Feminist Thought - by Patricia Hill Collins: Click [Here](#)
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - by Maya Angelou: Click [Here](#)
- Just Mercy - by Bryan Stevenson: Click [Here](#)
- The Fire Next Time - by James Baldwin: Click [Here](#)

Children Books: (any of the below books can be found on Amazon as well)

- Sulwe - by Lupita Nyong'o: Click [Here](#)
- Separate is Never Equal - by Duncan Tonatiuh: Click [Here](#)
- Let the Children March - by Monica Clark-Robinson: Click [Here](#)
- Whose Knees are These- by Jabari Asim: Click [Here](#)
- Hair Love - by Matthew A. Cherry: Click [Here](#)
- I Believe I Can - by Grace Byers: Click [Here](#)
- Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History - by Vashti Harrison: Click [Here](#)
- All Are Welcome - by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman: Click [Here](#)
- The Color of Us - by Karen Katz: Click [Here](#)
- Be a King - by Carole Boston Weatherford: Click [Here](#)
- Lets About Talk Race - by Julius Lester: Click [Here](#)

Articles:

- What Racism Looks Like: Click [Here](#)
- How Racism Harms Children: Click [Here](#)
- Why White Parents Don't Talk About Race: Click [Here](#)
- Stages in Childrens Development of Racial / Cultural Identity and Attitudes: Click [Here](#)
- Talking to Young Children About Bias and Prejudice: Click [Here](#)
- Children, Race and Racism: How Race Awareness Develops: Click [Here](#)
- How to Talk to Kids About Racism and Racial Violence: Click [Here](#)

Outreach Groups:

- Campaign Zero: Click [Here](#)
- ACLU: Click [Here](#)
- Vote.gov: Click [Here](#)
- Black Lives Matter: Click [Here](#)
- Color of Change: Click [Here](#)
- Justice for Breonna: Click [Here](#)
- The Innocence Project: Click [Here](#)
- Know Your Rights Camp: Click [Here](#)

Lastly, we leave you with an anonymous quote to ponder during these times:

"Demonstrating patience and tolerance is instrumental not just in this moment but also in the future to keep ourselves educated, and to keep the doors open for safe and honest dialogue, even if it's uncomfortable."

Thank You for Your Time,

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