

Message from Burrell School District

Our country is fragile right now because of the tragic events stemming from racial inequities. We are decades removed from the dream Dr. King so eloquently described. Racial inequities continue to plague our society and we must come together to support the changes necessary for a peaceful world filled with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all.

The Burrell School District stands with each and every one of our students and families. We are committed to anti-racism and believe that our school community must continue to positively support our students.

Over the past year, we have begun our journey, as a district and community, through the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Enrichment Program. It is our continued goal to focus on empathy and practicing choosing love over hate in every situation. Through the pillars of courage, gratitude, forgiveness and compassion, we are making a call to action to take that 10 seconds before we respond to consciously choose a loving thought over an angry thought. We encourage our parents to engage with their children to discuss the courage to choose love. The students of Burrell School District have done a remarkable job of embracing the pillars of social emotional learning as a way to be a part of a positive solution. We all have within us the courage to strive for equity for all people.

Parent/Guardian Resources

- Raising Race-Conscious Children <https://cupofjo.com/2020/06/raising-race-conscious-children/>
- How silence can breed prejudice: A child development professor explains how and why to talk to kids about race
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2015/07/06/how-silence-can-breed-prejudice-a-child-development-professor-explains-how-and-why-to-talk-to-kids-about-race/>
- CNN Article- How parents can talk to their kids about racism
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/01/health/protests-racism-talk-to-children-wellness/index.html>
- National Geographic- Talking to Kids about Race
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/in-the-news/talking-about-race/>

Student Resources

- Newsela Articles about Current Events and Youth Activism
<https://newsela.com/text-sets/2000051080>

Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement Resources

Home

- <https://www.jesselewischooselove.org/choose-love-home-program/>

Families of Military Members

- <https://www.jesselewischooselove.org/choose-love-for-family-of-military-members/>

Workplace

- <https://www.jesselewischooselove.org/for-the-workplace/>

Communities

- <https://www.jesselewischooselove.org/choose-love-communities-program/>

Additional Resources

- <https://www.jesselewischooselove.org/>