



The Frederick Law Olmsted School at Kensington



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Greetings Frederick Law Olmsted at Kensington School Community.

When we left our building Friday afternoon, no one could have imagined the tragedy we would be facing in just a few hours. May 14, 2022, came with traumatic events that occurred in a neighborhood where many of our students, staff members and their families reside. The pain and trauma that remain are inexplicable.

Tomorrow, as we walk into the building, we will be faced with trauma and its effects. As a school community, we are here for each other, and tomorrow is not the exception. We will need each other.

Tomorrow, students will have the following available during their school day:

- **Extended Homeroom Circle Time:** Time set aside to debrief and discuss the effects of May 14th
- **CLRI-Focused Lessons:** English and Social Studies teachers will choose a lesson for tomorrow to process what has happened in our community in a safe space.
- **SST Support:** Counselors and Social Workers will be available throughout the day for students that may need additional assistance.

There are previously scheduled mental health presentations in Room 103 periods 1-3, as a part of our Mental Health Awareness Month activities. These are still scheduled and very much needed after this weekend.

We will also be planning for continued support throughout the week:

- **Yellow Tulip Club:** Afterschool debrief/support session with the Multicultural Club Tuesday, May 17th -- open to all students 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- **Black Lives Matter Day:** wear black, red and yellow because *Black Lives Matter*, Tuesday, May 17th
- **BuffaLove Day:** wear red and blue in support of your city, Thursday May 19th

If your family was directly impacted by this weekend's events, please let a member of the Student Support Team know so that we can provide additional support:

Mrs. Tomaino, Social Worker: antomaino@buffaloschools.org

Mr. Russell, Social Worker: jdrussell@buffaloschools.org

Ms. Lukasik, Guidance Counselor (Grades 5-8): adlukasik@buffaloschools.org

Mr. VanRemmen, Guidance Counselor (High School, Last Name A-L): gvanremmen@buffaloschools.org

Mrs. Caruana, Guidance Counselor (High School, Last Name M-Z): dcaruana@buffaloschools.org

We want to be sure our students are receiving the services they need.

I will continue to pray for our school community and our city; I hope we find peace in the midst of this storm.

Educationally,

Mrs. Claudio-Cotto

Principal