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RJ Family Workshop: Thank you to the family members who attended our recent Family Workshop! We offered two options, remote on January 30 and in person on February 2, for our first, in a series of two, RJ Family Workshops "Interconnection". We believe that our Restorative Justice Team includes all members of our community, families too. We envision these ongoing workshops bringing us together in creating a restorative way of being. If you missed this first in the series you can check out the linked slidedeck below. We hope to catch you this Spring at our second workshop "Repairing Harm". **see the last slide for more Restorative Justice resources

Interconnection RJ Family Workshop #1 Slidedeck

"But if we want to create a world in which conflict and trauma aren't the center of our collective existence, we have to practice something new, ask different questions, access again our curiosity about each other as a species."

- adrienne maree brown

Restorative Justice and MS 447

Part 1: Interconnection



BLM Week of Action at School: Week of Action, Year of Purpose, Lifetime of Practice

The goal of **Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action and Year of Purpose,** a national initiative, is to spark an ongoing movement of critical reflection and honest conversations in school communities for people of all

ages to engage with critical issues of social justice. The intent is to implement racial justice into a lifetime of practice. This year's Week of Action was February 5-9. **The national demands of the initiative include *end zero tolerance *mandate Black history and ethnic studies *hire more Black teachers and educational staff *fund counselors and not cops.** Throughout the week the students were given the opportunity to collaborate on a BLM school mural project, learn more about the BLM Week of Action initiative during Advisory, participate in a celebration of Black culture through music and games created by Black creatives, and respond to the prompt "Black lives matter at school because...".



BLM 2024 Mural



bulletin board designed by MS447 Student Equity Team - BLM 13 principles art: NYC students



Black Lives Matter because... responses

Links for purchasing BLM gear:

https://www.blmedunyc.org/shop?Category=All+shirts+and+hoodies&page=2 https://www.nightsweats.com/shop/blm-at-school