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Restorative Justice Scoop



MS447
THE EXPLORATORY SCHOOL

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SHOUT OUTS

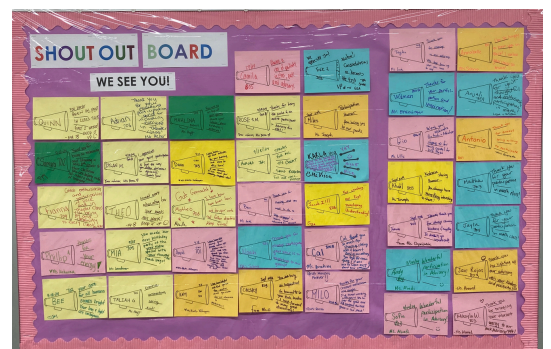
Shout Outs have been **a practice and a value** at MS447 for many years. We see them as a tangible way for our students, your children, to be **SEEN** and **CELEBRATED!** They allow us to recognize the strength in every student in our school. We hang our Shout Outs on bulletin boards around our building so that the community can honor the qualities of a Wolfpack that we recognize in them. This year we have set the intention to **SHOUT OUT** every student at least one time, and most likely more. And we are extending our celebration home. Any staff member who writes a student shout out is encouraged to share that recognition through an email home to you. 447's staff believes as bell hooks, influential educator, author, theorist, activist and social critic, does that *To teach in a manner that respects and cares for the souls of our students is essential, if we are to provide the necessary conditions where learning can most deeply and intimately begin.* We also recognize that honoring students in this way has a strong connection to our Wolfpack Values: maybe most specifically; Justice and Equity, Joy, and Belonging.

The Why's behind this intentionality:

1. Because we understand the importance of **being seen.**
2. To exercise our muscle of **seeing the strengths in all students.**
3. To create more and more **experiences of joy in schooling** for students and their families.
4. To **strengthen the relationships** that are foundational for strong academic outcomes
5. To **live out our collective values** with collective intentionality



Shout Out Board waiting to be filled



Shout Outs!

RJ Family Workshops

Join us for Restorative Justice Workshop #1: Interconnection. This is the first of a two part series. There are multiple opportunities between now and the end of January, both in person and on zoom. Everyone on the NYC Public Schools email list

received an email with the flier and the sign up link. If you are not receiving those emails please let Amy Sirot know, asirot@ms447.org. Check out the flier below and RSVP at [this link](#). We hope that all or the majority of our grown ups from home will attend this first workshop as together we grow in our understanding of and practice of Restorative Justice at MS447.

MS447 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Family Workshop #1 Interconnection
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家庭工作坊 #1 互聯

Workshop Dates and Times

10/23:
AM in person, 8:40
PM on Zoom, 6:30

12/5:
AM in person, 8:40
PM on Zoom, 6:30

1/30:
AM in person, 8:40
PM on Zoom, 6:30
[Zoom Link](#)

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In our community...

- We act with INTEGRITY
- We work for JUSTICE & EQUITY
- We listen and learn with CURIOSITY & JOY
- We take RESPONSIBILITY
- We all BELONG here!

Learning Targets

- I can understand the importance of interconnection and relationship in the process of restorative justice.
- I can live with questions and discomfort that might arise in myself and others during conversations about (and my reactions to) RJ.
- I can move forward with a growth mindset and with curiosity about RJ.

Please RSVP Here

Workshop #1 is a prerequisite for Workshop #2: Repairing harm (Spring 2025)

Places and Spaces for BELONGING

“When we have our own, when we have an opportunity to see ourselves, to feel protected, to feel loved, that's community,” - Dr. Bettina Love

At MS447 we desire to create a community and a physical space where each person truly feels like they belong and finds their place of belonging. [Here](#) is a resource that will be updated throughout the year to highlight some of the spaces and places for belonging. We hope that your child finds their place here. If they have ideas for other types of “belonging spaces” please let us know.