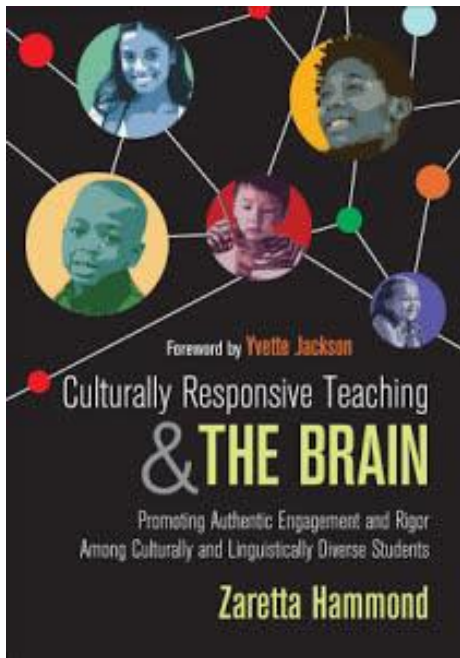


PS 34 Eco-Schools: *News and Updates*

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the Classroom

For the last couple of month, teachers have been reading “Culturally Responsive Teaching & The Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students,” by Zaretta Hammond. The book discusses topics such as cultural archetypes, implicit bias, microaggressions, and asks readers to name the sociopolitical context that contribute to disparities and unequal opportunities for people of color.



By raising awareness of current reality and acknowledgment of our past racial history, we are able to get students of diverse background ready for rigor in the classroom and support their social-emotional needs as learners. Furthermore, teachers examine how building foundations of learning partnerships begin with meaningful relationships and establishing rapport.

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” ~Maya Angelou

The book also gives insight on Carol Dweck’s “growth mindset,” and how it helps build self-efficacy – the “I think I can” attitude that affects how we feel, think, and act as learners – the core of academic mindset. Talk to your child(ren)’s teacher to learn more.

How Much Did My Plant Grow?

3rd Graders in Ms. Marshall Green STEM Class are back from break and boy did their assigned plants grow! Students calculated the rate of growth and made predictions for next week.



In hydroponics, we have a higher yield, plants grow faster and are pesticide free. Be sure to stop in (Rm 102) at this month’s Parent Teacher Conference on 3/14 to pick up some fresh produce. Your donation helps support our Green STEM program!

Upcoming Eco-Events:

March is National Women’s History Month

The 2019 theme is “Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence.” The theme honors “women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society.” Check out this PBS learning media video: <https://bit.ly/2t3HI8P>

Tuesday, Mar 12th, 8:30-9:30a – MONTHLY Parent Green Team Gatherings at Woops!

Join your PTA Green Team Leaders, Alina, Lisa and Kevin this month to hear updates on eco-projects, discuss Earth Week and other Spring activities!



Friday, Mar 15, 12-1:30p – Student Climate Rally at Steps of City Hall

Selected students in 5th grade will join the international movement of students fighting for climate justice and bold action! If you would like to bring your child (from any grade) to this, contact wongt@nwf.org



Monday, Mar 25th, 2:45-3:45p – Eco-Fashion Show Workshop #3

We’re one month out! At this meeting, we’ll begin working on our narratives. If you’re still deciding what animal, be sure to stop in for some support. <https://sites.google.com/view/ps34ecofashion2019>



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