

Stanwood-Camano School District

Family Communication

June 5, 2020

We have two weeks of school remaining for the 2019-20 school year. Today we will mail the final continuous learning packets home and teachers will make the final drop of new learning electronically next week. The week of June 15-18 is strictly for make up work to be completed.

Next week, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will provide all districts in the state with guidance on which model will be used for reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year. The Stanwood-Camano School District has already convened a team of individuals who will be reviewing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Health, Labor & Industries and OSPI to develop our protocols for reopening our schools in the fall.

Finally, in regards to the racism and injustice occurring across our nation right now, our not knowing what to say or being sure of the right thing to say, is not an excuse to be silent. We are sickened by the violent murder of George Floyd. During this school closure due to COVID-19, we have been concerned about the social and emotional well-being of all of our children, but this recent tragedy causes even greater concern for our students of color. As a learning institution it is incumbent upon us to learn what *is the right thing* to say to all of our children and now especially our students, families and staff members of color. We are reminded that injustice and racism still exist, whether people see it or not.

Below is a list of resources from our local Educational Service District to help families and staff learn how to talk to our children about race.

In the meantime, our hope is that all Stanwood-Camano children, and especially our children of color, feel love and support from their teachers, staff, and schools now and always.

Resources for parents / teachers in how to talk to your child about racism, social justice, and current events.

How to talk to kids about race:

[https://www.prettygooddesign.org/blog/Blog%20Post%20Title%20One-](https://www.prettygooddesign.org/blog/Blog%20Post%20Title%20One-5new4?fbclid=IwAR3AAUwE1fAkbSqQqC63v_J2naTtW9FqB4VzfYwOfIZRatJ_ZIYFJ-3_Pe0)

[5new4?fbclid=IwAR3AAUwE1fAkbSqQqC63v_J2naTtW9FqB4VzfYwOfIZRatJ_ZIYFJ-3_Pe0](https://www.prettygooddesign.org/blog/Blog%20Post%20Title%20One-5new4?fbclid=IwAR3AAUwE1fAkbSqQqC63v_J2naTtW9FqB4VzfYwOfIZRatJ_ZIYFJ-3_Pe0)

Blog with Resources for kids and social justice (how to talk to kids about race, how to raise kid activities, teaching social justice, etc): <https://www.rebekahgienapp.com/start/>

Recommended Resources from the Teach and Transform website (by a classroom teacher, social justice advocate, and anti-bias educator): <https://www.teachandtransform.org/resources>
<http://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/general/TT%20Difficult%20Conversations%20web.pdf>

https://www.nassp.org/event/what-does-it-mean-to-be-a-trauma-informed-school-in-the-new-normal/?MessageRunDetailID=1829041640&PostID=14986346&utm_medium=email&utm_source=rasa_io

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoDUJY9u9Jw> It is called *Let's Talk About Race*, by Julius Lester.