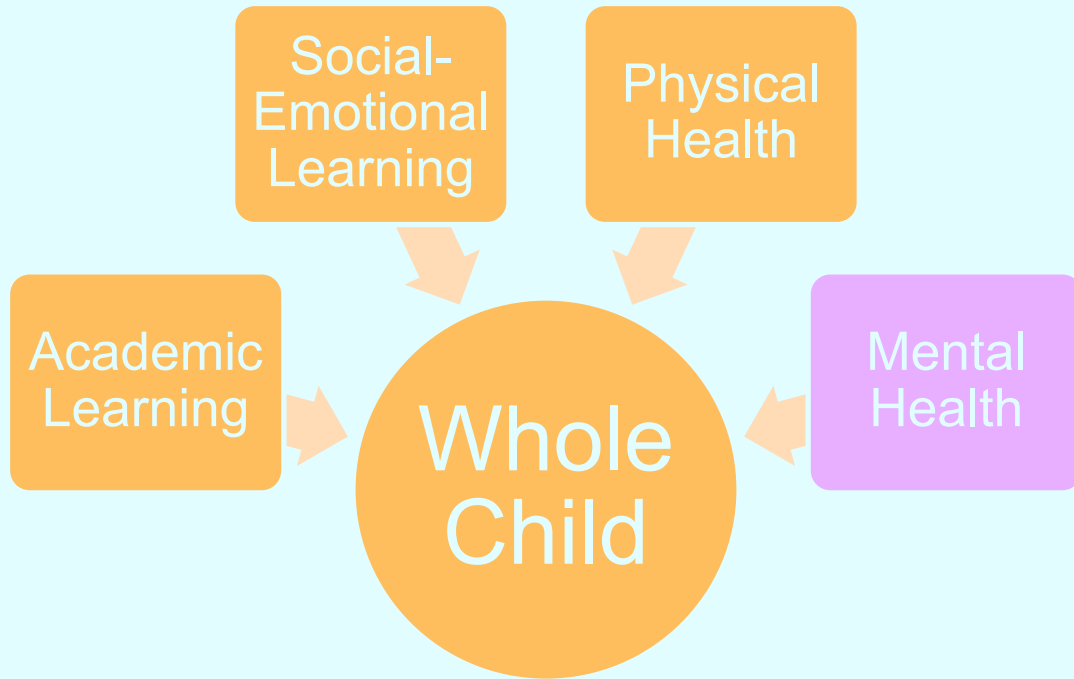


McKinley Elementary RAINBOW CLUB

May 19th, 2022
SMMUSD Board Meeting
Presentation for Mental Health Awareness Month
Dr. Ashley Benjamin, Principal

Mental Health Awareness Month



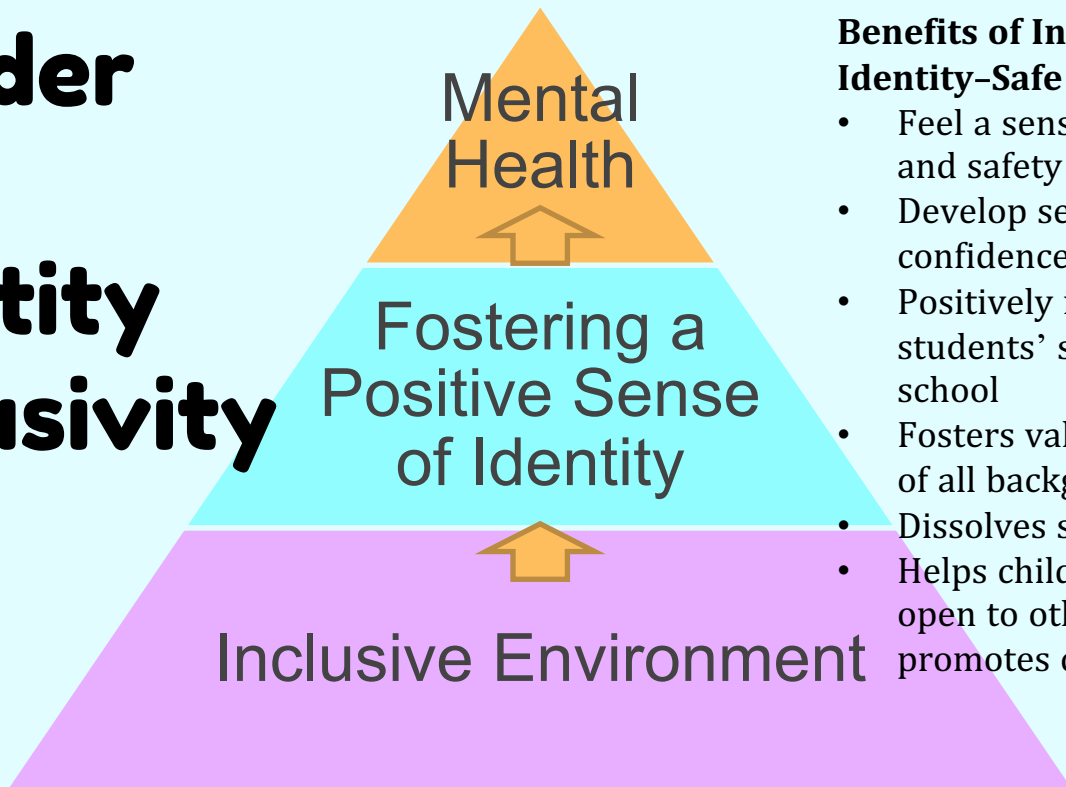
Mental Health Awareness Month



It is important that we as educators put systems and resources in place to support students' Mental Health, so students can access learning, form positive relationships, and be happy successful students and adults in the future.

Supporting Students' Mental Health

Gender and Identity Inclusivity



Benefits of Inclusivity and Identity-Safe Classrooms:

- Feel a sense of belonging and safety
- Develop self-esteem and confidence
- Positively impacts students' success in school
- Fosters value for students of all backgrounds
- Dissolves stereotypes
- Helps children to be more open to others and promotes caring

Ongoing Gender and Identity Inclusivity at McKinley



#1

Our school philosophy is
the PRIDE Philosophy



#2

All staff were trained by
the PRISM Institute about
Gender Inclusivity



#3

Many McKinley staff wear
Out for Safe Schools
Badges



#4

McKinley updated
Emergency Card and
forms to include non-
binary option



#5

McKinley formed a DEI
Committee



#6

The School purchased DEI
Libraries for every
classroom; Added to our
Shared Reading Books of
the Month

The background of the slide is a vibrant rainbow with bands of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. White stars of various sizes are scattered across the rainbow and the light blue sky. Stylized white clouds are positioned behind the text.

What is a **RAINBOW CLUB**

Rainbow Clubs are a safe and supportive space for LGBTQIA+ students and allies to connect and hold space for each other to create community.

Rainbow Clubs promote a safe, healthy school climate and an anti-bullying message.



The Story of How McKinley's Rainbow Club Started

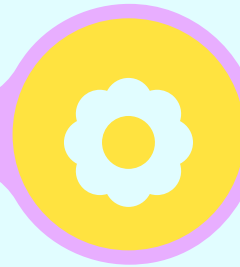
Steps to Rainbow Club Creation



Inspired by
Students; Asked
Students if they
would be
interested in a
club



Discussed with
School DEI
Committee;
Teacher
Leaders
Volunteered to
Facilitate Club



Received
Superintendent
and Executive
Cabinet
Support



Announced to
School
Community and
Blasted Parent
Permission Slip

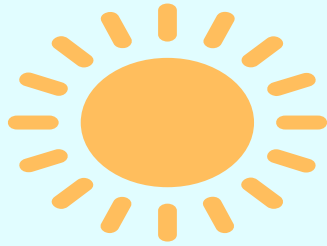
All About Rainbow Club

- Joins our other 4th/5th enrichment clubs like Film Club, Student Council, Green Team, Student Newspaper, and Dance Team
- Clubs led by teachers who volunteer their time
- Led by 4th Grade Teacher Ms. Katy Buckner and Special Education Teacher Ms. Mel Levitt
- Meetings twice a month on Fridays during lunch recess
- A safe, welcoming, and inclusive space
- Meetings provide time for members to play, connect, share book recommendations, discuss current events, and participate in activities or actions.
- We have 15 members!





Why Rainbow Club Matters



Introducing
Ms. Katy Buckner
Ms. Melanie Levitt



SO FUN!


**Some Things Rainbow
Club Has Done So Far
this Year**



LOVE



McKinley is proud to be the first
elementary School in SMMUSD
with a Rainbow Club!



We Look
forward to
More Schools
Joining us!