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Dear Miquon Parent,

On Saturday, April 13th, 2019, students in grades 3 through 6 will have an opportunity to participate in a unique event that is one of a kind for children of their age in our region. Titled ***THE CHILDREN WILL LEAD***, the event is a diversity conference for young learners. It will be held at The Miquon School in Conshohocken, and will give participants something crucial: skills that can help them explore and discuss a variety of issues around diversity, identity, equity and inclusion in our world today.

The event is sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Diversity Collaborative (GPDC), a group of schools (including ours) from the Philadelphia region. Participating students will work and play together in a variety of fun, interactive activities and leave with a deeper understanding of themselves and their peers. As the conference aligns with our school's anti-bias curriculum, we believe it will provide an extension of the work we do here every day, and an experience that is an important piece of our school's mission.

### **Selection Process**

The conference is being funded primarily by member schools, and a few outside contributions from people who support this work in schools. Due to these limited funds, only a small number of students from each school may attend. The selections will be based on a student's interest in these types of issues and their ability to attend a Saturday conference with other students their age from a variety of schools.

## **Conference Details**

Participants should arrive at 9:00 am. The conference will begin at 9:30 am, and will feature two 45-minute sessions led by respected diversity practitioners and educators from throughout our region. Lunch will be provided, followed by some outdoor play time. After lunch, the work will continue as children participate in a variety of diversity-themed activities, including art, music and movement. The conference will come to a close at approximately 2:30 p.m. T-shirts will be provided to all participating students.

Parents will be asked to drop off and pick up their children.

We will provide more details as the conference date approaches. In the meantime, we encourage you to talk to your child about this unique opportunity, and keep the conversation on diversity, equity and inclusivity alive in your home. An open dialogue today can help make a difference for a peaceful tomorrow.

Warmly,  
Rachel and Marie



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## **About the Greater Philadelphia Diversity Collaborative (GPDC)**

The GPDC was formed to support local area educators in providing early childhood, elementary and middle school students the age-appropriate guidance and education required to navigate issues of difference, social justice and equity in and around the classroom in healthy ways. We accomplish this by sharing resources, materials, ideas, curricula, events, speakers, professional development and career opportunities. Our ultimate goal is to support our students and staff, and to promote healthy, socially conscious, and culturally responsive school communities by keeping initiatives of difference, social justice and equity at the forefront of our respective schools' view.

### **GPDC Member Schools**

The member schools of the Greater Philadelphia Diversity Collaborative (GPDC) include: Children's Community School, Community Partnership School, The Crefeld School, Delaware Valley Friends School, Frankford Friends School, Greene Towne Montessori School, Goshen Friends School, Lansdowne Friends School, The Miquon School, Plymouth Meeting Friends School, The Quaker School at Horsham, St. Peter's School, The School in Rose Valley, and United Friends School.