



• APRIL 2021 •

# TRAILBLAZERS

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## WINTER 2021

Winter Quarter was busy! Trailblazers completed our Social Justice unit. We applied what we learned about ourselves during the Personal Development unit and explored many aspects of social justice including race, gender and age.

Students learned about race and racism in America, gender discrimination, socio-economic disparities, and what it means to be an activist!

We finished this unit analyzing "Methods of Liberation" and launching our social justice campaign #WeAreEmpowered.

#WeAreEmpowered is a campaign that highlights what empowerment looks like for our BRAVE YOUNG PEOPLE and what schools can do to empower BIPOC students and communities.

Please join our campaign but liking us on social media and sharing your stories with us!!!

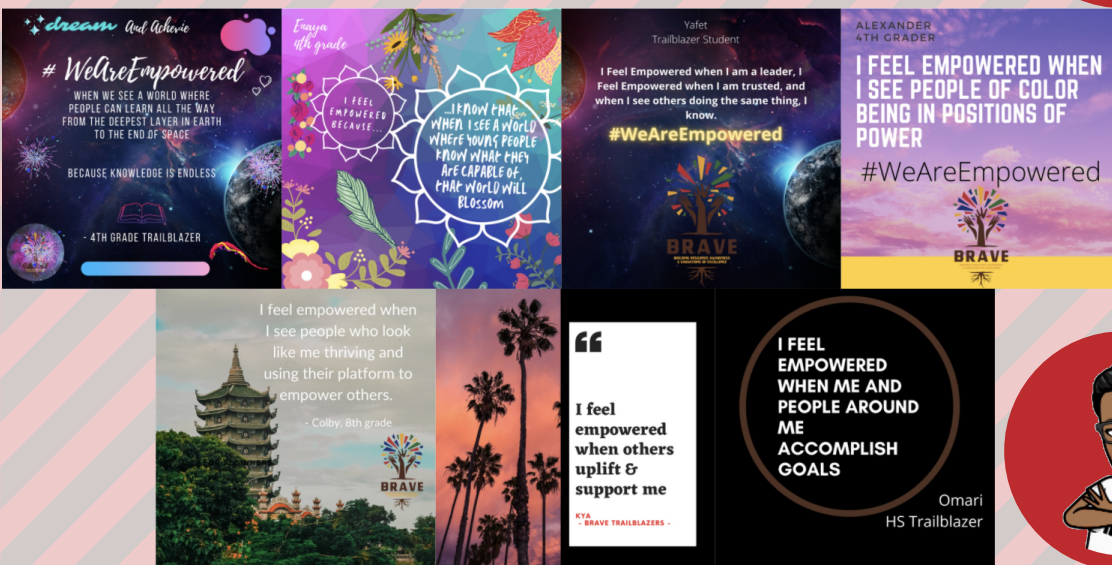
#WEAREEMPOWERED

@braveyoungpeople



SHARE YOUR STORY!

# SOCIAL JUSTICE UNIT WRAP UP



As we wrap our Social Justice unit, we will be launching our **#WeAreEmpowered** campaign. This campaign will highlight what makes Trailblazers feel empowered and what schools can do to empower black and brown students and communities.

Please take the time to follow us, like and share Trailblazers' experiences and learn how we can empower our **BRAVE YOUNG PEOPLE!**

## Methods of Liberation:

To conclude this unit, Trailblazer students explored different Methods of Liberation. These are strategies that we can execute to help liberate us from the realities of oppression. The methods that we discussed are:

- Self-Awareness-Know Yourself (and who you are striving to be)
- Know Your History (Family/Ancestry, Country, World)
- Self-Education
- Challenge Stereotypes
- Know Your Rights (Human, Law, Education, etc.)
- Advocate For What's Right
- Start/Join a Movement
- Find Positive Role/Goal Models and Mentors
- **REFORM!**

**"IF YOU ARE NEUTRAL  
IN SITUATIONS OF  
INJUSTICE, YOU HAVE  
CHOSEN THE SIDE OF  
THE OPPRESSOR."**

STAMPED: RACISM,  
ANTIRACISM AND YOU  
BY  
JASON REYNOLDS



**"Being an antiracist  
requires persistent self-  
awareness, constant  
self-criticism, and  
regular self-  
examination."**

STAMPED FROM THE  
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## TRAILBLAZERS WRAPAROUND PROGRAM

Our TWP is flourishing!!!

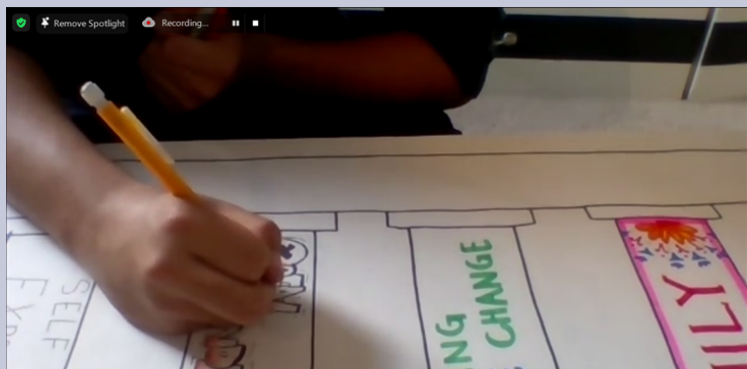
Parents, thank you for your involvement with parent workshops, family nights, and our first ever Virtual Retreat!

One of our favorite things to do is share with parents the wonderful things that your young people are learning, experiencing, and thriving in!!!

The TWP is one way that we are able to spend more time with you and for you to spend more time with your brave young people!

If you haven't already, please tap in!

Here is what our Trailblazers and parents have to say about the Trailblazers WrapAround Program.



**"Love that you make all the kids feel included."**

~ANONYMOUS  
KARAOKE SURVEY

**"We spent great family time with our trailblazer community and learned so much"**

~ANONYMOUS  
RETREAT SURVEY

**"It was all awesome! The family workshops, parent/student centered workshops, the thoughtfulness in providing lunch was all above and beyond."**

~ANONYMOUS  
RETREAT SURVEY

**"The conversation as a whole [Parent Engagement] was so informative and such a great take away!!"**

~ANONYMOUS  
PARENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

**"We got to have fun, and it was nice to have an instructor. :)"**

~ANONYMOUS  
PAINT N PLAY SURVEY

**"All the enthusiasm and encouragement -- all the love!!!."**

~ANONYMOUS  
KARAOKE SURVEY

# BRAVE TRAILBLAZERS VIRTUAL RETREAT

March 20th-21st, 2021

This month, the BRAVE Team hosted our very first BRAVE Trailblazers Virtual Retreat!!! It was a weekend full of family workshops, parent workshops, student workshops, food, and fun!!!

On Saturday, March 20th, families engaged in a workshop with Rev. Terrence Proctor on **"Standing Firm on Family Values"**. Both students and parents identified what values are most important to them as individuals. Later, each family shared their values and selected 4 family pillars and decorated a family poster!



After lunch, parents attended a powerful workshop with Mr. Dion Schell on **"College and Career Readiness"** where he dropped some MAJOR GEMS! Stay tuned as we bring him back for more!!!

Students learned how to use their voices to fight for what THEY want to see in school curriculum with Ms. Tierra Johnson in her **"What I Want to Learn vs. What School Teaches"** workshop!



On Sunday, March 21st, families engaged in a workshop with Ms. Ismalis Nuñez on **"The Importance of Self-Identity in Social Justice work"**. Both students and parents engaged in Courageous Conversations About Race, exploring their identities and how we authentically show up. Together we explored what it means to see things from multiple perspectives and analyzed the social construction of race.

Later, each member of the family went for a mini-savenger hunt to find a small item that represents them and place it, along with I-AM poems in their family jars!!! Students and parents shared **POWERFUL "I Am" poems!**

After lunch, parents attended a powerful workshop with Mr. Devin Stubblefield on **"Finance and Stocks"**. Please check the TWP Virtual Office for more GEMS from Mr. Stubblefield!

Students were introduced to entrepreneurship in a workshop called **"Entrepreneurship for Young People"** facilitated by Ms. Keisha Credit!!! She shared her journey and answered students questions, and trust me parents, the questions kept flowing!!!

**What a great way to kick off our College, Career and Entrepreneurship Unit!!!**





• COLLEGE, CAREER, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXPLORATION •

# COMING UP!!!



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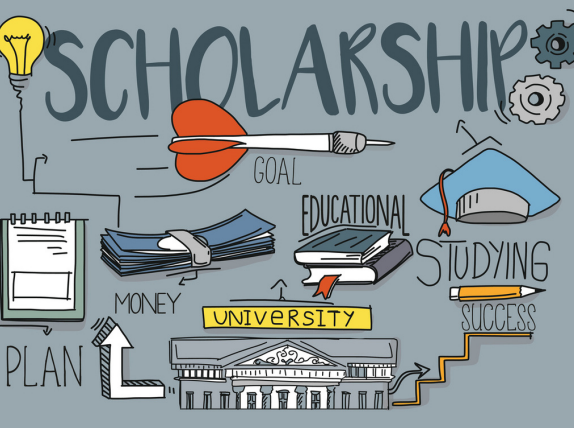
Welcome to Spring!!!

We are excited about longer days, sun, flowers blooming and, of course, entering our COLLEGE, CAREER and ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXPLORATION unit!

During this unit, students will learn about the "High School and Beyond Plan" that all students need to complete before graduating high school. We will explore different professions and tracks to get there. Students will also learn more about Entrepreneurship, and engage in resume writing, personal essays, and mock interviews!!! Yes! Even our youngest of the bunch!!!

We will be bringing Mr. Dion Schell back to talk with both students and parents about preparing for life post high school.

Please make sure that you are staying connected with the TWP!



Stay tuned for information about SUMMER!

