June 5, 2020

Dear families of The Primary School,

The Primary School was started with the vision of a world where every child, regardless of background, is able to become a happy, healthy, and productive adults.

The ongoing violence against black Americans threatens that vision for our children and all black and brown children in this country. We think of our children and families when we remember George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Agustin Gonzalez and many others. We fear for the safety of our children and families and worry about how learning can happen when the world tells them they don't matter.

Your children matter. Black lives matter.

At The Primary School, we are committed to building a community where every child and family feels secure and valued, and where they can learn, live, and thrive without fear. We commit to you - our families - that we will do everything in our power to build a community that celebrates the race, culture, and background of every child and family.

In the short term, we are gathering resources for families to use at home to talk about race and racial violence with children. These resources live on <u>The Primary School's home page</u>. We will continue to add to this list as we get more resources. In addition, we have learned of upcoming peaceful protests on Saturday, June 6 at 1pm meeting at Kennedy Park and marching to City Hall (sponsored by March for Peace); and the other at 3pm meeting at City Hall (777 B St) (organized by Occupy Hayward). Please see the images below.

We also need to hear from you. Please let us know what's important to you, and how you'd like to be involved in shaping actions as a community.

If you have any questions, or just need someone to talk to, please reach out to myself, your parent coach or anyone on our team.

We are here to support you.

With love and hope,

Mizgon Zahir, Executive Director The Primary School, Hayward





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Saturday, June 6th | 1 PM Begin: KENNEDY PARK | End: CITY HALL