

Social Action

Culture, Dreams, Character: Creating Diversity Shields ...

About the program ...

The purpose of creating diversity shields was to show students how their past and present affect their future. Students designed and created shields representative of their heritage and culture in the shape of the universal peace sign. One section represented their cultural backgrounds, the second illustrated their dreams about how they want to make a difference in the world and the third articulated what they need in terms of character to achieve their dreams. Members of the Students Against Racism (STAR)/Kids for Change Club were involved in promoting the diversity shields and encouraged every child in the school to make one. Students shared their ideas with parents and families as they completed the three sections of their shields at home.



Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Students reflected on how their diverse backgrounds shaped their present and future, as well as how their character could make a difference in their present and future.
- The home component of the project allowed parents and families to reflect on how they could also help the students achieve their dreams.
- The diversity shields were displayed in hallways throughout the school and demonstrated the diversity of the school community.
- Some students extended the shields by creating a large one with contributions from a group of students, to show unity and community pride.
- This activity's celebration of diversity and acceptance complements the goals of the Ministry of Education's [Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy](#).



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