

# **Olentangy Local School District**

**presents the 6th annual**



## **ONE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE**

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**February 8, 2020 | 7:30 am - 4:15 pm**

**Olentangy Orange High School  
2840 E. Orange Rd, Lewis Center, OH 43035**

Dear Conference Attendees,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2020 ONE Community Conference. This unique community event began 6 years ago with less than 100 participants. Last year, we welcomed over 475 district students, staff members, families, and community members as well as partners and friends from across central Ohio and beyond.

This year's theme, *Inspiring a Community of Changemakers*, encourages us to situate ourselves in a place of action. Together, we will reflect on our sphere of influence and identify opportunities to make change in our own lives, relationships, workplaces, and communities. As you will see from our student presenters, you are never too young to start making a difference in this world.

As a conference attendee, you will have the opportunity to listen to outstanding keynote speakers, interact with student participants, and engage with session presenters on issues impacting our community and young people. Also, in the spirit of ONE Community, you will be presented with many rich moments to learn alongside and build relationships with fellow attendees. Through the exchange of differing perspectives and experiences, we can truly build ONE community.

Thank you for joining us. We wish you the best experience.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Powers Merkle  
Supervisor of Equity & Inclusion  
Olentangy Local Schools

Heather Cole  
District Diversity Coordinator  
Olentangy Local Schools



## Conference Overview

7:30-8:15 a.m.

### Registration

Morning Yoga - 7:30-8:05

8:15-9:30 a.m.

### Morning General Session

- Opening Remarks
- Keynote Speaker: Matthew Kay, "Not Light, But Fire"
  - Sponsored by the Olentangy Education Foundation

### Sessions for Elementary & Middle School Students

- Journey through the Harlem Renaissance **\*K-2 Elementary Students**
- It's UNIQUE to Someone! **\*3-5 Elementary Students**
- Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary People | Your Key to Connection **\*Middle School Students**

9:45-10:45 a.m.

### Morning Workshop Session I

#### *Sessions for Elementary and Middle School Students*

- It's Okay to be Different! **\*K-2 Elementary Students**
- Creative Resistance: How to Facilitate Difficult Conversations **\*3-5 Elementary Students**
- Journey of Hope: The Lost Boys of Sudan **\*Middle School Students**

#### *Sessions for Adults & High School Students*

- A Student Panel for Raising Awareness with Disability Issues
- Breaking the Cycle of Poverty
- Community Connections: Welcoming and Supporting New American Families and Students
- Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ+ Youth
- Discourses Across Redlines
- Empowering Parents/Caregivers through Common Challenges Related to Teen Mental Health: The Top 10 Things Parents/Caregivers Need to Know
- Empowering Students and Teachers to Create Inclusive Learning Environments: Microaggressions 101
- From Poverty to Possibility
- Growing Up Global: Raising Children to Be at Home in the World
- Not Light, But Fire **\*2-hour educator-only session**
- Picture Books to Foster Mental Wellness Conversations
- Promoting Positive Body Image
- Rediscovering the Lost Art of Civil Discourse
- Supporting the Social-Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners
- Think, Connect, Belong: Using Thinking Routines to Build Community

11:00-12:00 p.m.

### Morning Workshop Session II

#### *Sessions for Elementary and Middle School Students*

- I'm New Here/Someone New **\*K-2 Students**
- You believe what?! Celebrating Religious Diversity and Developing Tolerance by Exploring Similarities Among World Religions **\*3-5 Students**
- Leading Others Towards Diversity **\*Middle School Students**

11:00-12:00 p.m.

**Morning Workshop Session II****Sessions for Adults & High School Students**

- Believe It or Not: Inside Perspectives of Religious and Non-Religious Diversity Among our Students
- But First, Do No Harm
- Empowering Change Makers with Best Practices in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Empowering Students and Teachers to Create Inclusive Learning Environments: Microaggressions 101
- Handling School Stress: How Can Parents Help Their Children Cope at Home
- Innovation is Limb-itless: 3D Printing Prosthetics
- Journey of Hope: The Lost Boys of Sudan
- Making Different, Not So Different
- Mrd'a: Fundamental Connections for Black African Youth
- Not Light, But Fire **\*2-hour educator-only session**
- Raising Intellectually Curious, Globally-Minded Children
- Understanding LGBTQ+ Youth and Mental Health: An Introduction
- Your Story is Your Superpower
- Youth Culture Power

12:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Lunch****Global Scholars Showcase****Resource Fair****Sahaja Yoga Meditation - 12:35-12:55 p.m.**

1:00-1:45 p.m.

**Afternoon Student Keynote Session**

- "Changing the Present, Not the Future" on the Immigration and Refugee Experience
- "Mental Illness 'Does Not Exist'" on Mental Health
- "Identity: It's Complicated" on the Bi-Cultural Experience
- "The Impact of the Untold Story" on Understanding Across Difference
- "The Jewel Outside the Box: The Journey to an ABCD's Selfhood" on the Indian American Experience
- "Why All Religions are Right" on Religious Diversity

**Sessions for Elementary School Students**

- Identity Self Portraits **\*K-2 Students**
- Sahaja Yoga Meditation for Kids **\*3-5 Students**

2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Afternoon Workshop Session III****Sessions for Elementary and Middle School Students**

- Sing, Create, and Move! **\*K-2 Elementary Students**
- Socio-Economic Diversity in our Community **\*3-5 Students**
- Your Story is Your Superpower **\*Middle School Students**

2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Afternoon Workshop Session III****Sessions for Adults & High School Students**

- Addressing Violence: The Emotional Before the Physical
- Build Your Stack®: Books that Provide Mirrors and Windows
- Culture of Affluence and the Price of Privilege
- Developing Civic Agency
- English Language Learners (ELL's) in Olentangy: Celebrating our Growth and Offering Supportive Strategies
- Global Fluency Training **\*2-hour educator-only session**
- Intersection of Immigration and Mental Health: Improving Resilience and Mental Health Outcomes of Immigrant Families
- Navigating Dyslexia in School and Social Situations
- One Community, Acceptance for All
- Portals to the Past and Present: Teaching and Learning with Latin American Indigenous Primary Sources
- Science is Everywhere...Science is for Everyone!
- The Education Gap: The Cultural Diffusion of Immigrant Parents and Teachers
- Utilizing Principles of UBUNTU (Humanity Towards Others) to Better our Schools and the Various Community Spaces We Inhabit
- Youth Culture Power

3:15-4:15 p.m.

**Afternoon Workshop Session IV****Sessions for Elementary and Middle School Students**

- Many Shapes & Sizes **\*K-2 Elementary Students**
- Sing, Create, and Move! **\*3-5 Elementary Students**
- Using Kindness to Educate **\*Middle School Students**

**Sessions for Adults & High School Students**

- 35 Dumb Things Well Intended People Say
- Creating Stronger Communities: Embracing Complexity, Diversity, and Rethinking Our Gender Stereotypes
- Compassion Fatigue and Stress Reduction for Parents, Caregivers, and Educators: Strategies that Work
- Culture of Affluence and the Price of Privilege
- Empowering Change Makers with Best Practices in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Finding Your Superpower: A Student's Journey to Become More Resilient
- Global Children's Literature: A Window into the World
- Global Fluency Training **\*2-hour educator-only session**
- How to Become a Parent Advocate for Racial Equity
- Inclusion Matters: Exploring the Impact of Inclusion in the Classroom and Beyond
- Military Connected Youth - From Bootcamp to Special Forces
- Stereotype Threat and Its Influences on Student Learning