
Restorative Justice as used by Peer Leadership: Our Favorite Community and the Best thing at MHS

Brought to you by the Peer Leaders of 2019-2020

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Peer Leadership is built on a Restorative Justice foundation which focuses on nurturing relationships and recognising one's humanity.

What Is Peer Leadership?

Peer Leadership is a community.

We aim to bridge the gap between grades, and give the freshmen a safe community in the high school. Entering a new school is scary. We want to make this year the best we can.

We foster a space where everyone is accepted and our voices are welcome and heard.



Mental Health

-In a school environment where teachers deal with hundreds of students daily, restorative justice and peer leadership **personalize** the learning environment.



What describes PL?

- **P**ositive
- **E**mpathy
- **E**ffective
- **R**espectful

- **L**asting
- **E**xcellent
- **A**ffirming
- **D**eep Dive
- **E**ssential
- **R**estorative
- **S**upportive
- **H**elpful
- **I**nfinite
- **P**atient



What Do the Students Gain from PL?

Freshmen:

- High school is scary. PL gives the freshman a safe community in the high school
- Through PL, freshmen have a place and people that they can come to if they need anything
- Freshmen get positive role models and mentors.

Seniors:

- The community is not just for the freshmen. We also deserve a safe space for our voices to be heard
 - PL brings together a group of unlikely friends.
 - We get support from other seniors, and a space where we all understand each other's school struggles
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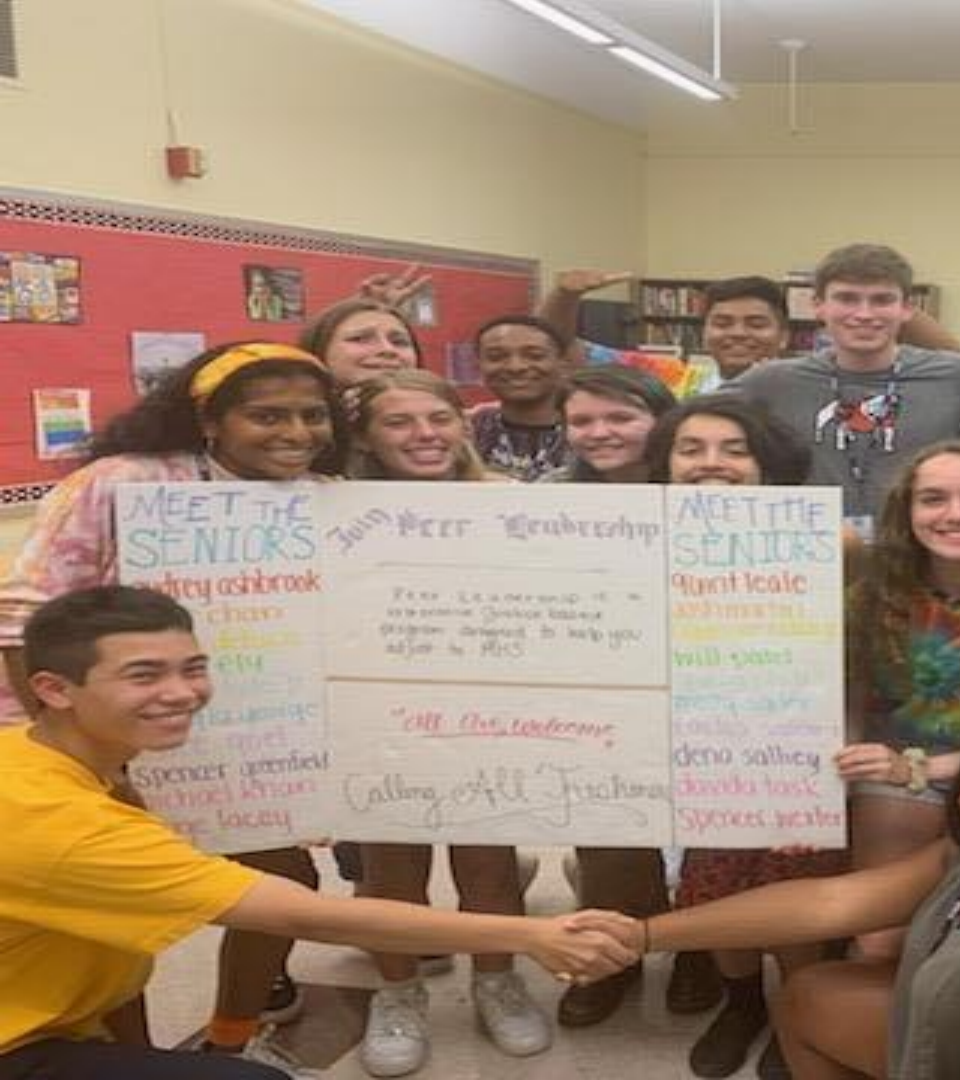
The Health and Wellness Pop Up Shop

-Peer Leadership helped to coordinate and volunteer during the district Health and Wellness Shop

Restorative Justice promotes equal accessibility to health resources, particularly mental health. Peer Leadership demonstrated our commitment to RJ.

MHS 101

- MHS 101 is a required class that helps acclimate freshmen to the new high school environment
- Peer Leadership held circles to engage the freshmen and answer any questions they have about high school





Wrap and Roll

- Wrap and Roll is annual event hosted at Charles H. Bullock Elementary School.
- Sponsored by the MEA and funded by the NJEA
- Each year students and administrators come out to support their respective schools
- The schools then wrap presents for children who usually don't get any during the holiday season
- This year the Peer Leaders handed out materials and helped each individual school wrap presents

Personal Testimonies

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