

TAP NEWS

October Reminders

- Log 20 mediations by the start of December to earn a Hot Cocoa Bar for your school's mediators! See below for the new online Mediation Form.
- You can email TAP photos and stories to rglazer@isjl.org to be included in next month's newsletter.

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TAP SUMMIT

10 years of TAP!

OUR TAP SUMMIT TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS

AR DELTA

MS DELTA

JACKSON, MS

In celebration of TAP's 10th Anniversary, this year's TAP Summit is coming to you. Collaborate with the other TAP Sites in your region during this day of professional development.

Contact your Site Coordinator or TAP Staff for details.

STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Rude, Mean, or Bullying?

TAP mediations are often used to cut through a pattern of bullying before it escalates to violence. Sometimes, it can be hard to identify what actions constitute bullying versus one-time behaviors that, although not part of a pattern, can still be hurtful. Here are some helpful distinctions from Signe Whitson's article "[Rude Vs. Mean Vs. Bullying: Defining The Differences](#)":

- Rude behavior = Inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else.
- Mean behavior = Purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice).
- Bullying = Intentionally aggressive behavior, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power.



Look at the picture above. How might you approach this conflict if it were the first time it happened? How would you approach it if it were the fourth time?



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LOG YOUR MEDIATIONS

New Google Form Makes Logging Easier



Mediators and Site Coordinators, click the link below to access a Google Form to quickly and easily log your mediations.

[Click here to fill out the form.](#)

PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

Science Unfair

FRANK N. STEIN: I was just minding my business, working on uhhh, umm... a science experiment. Usual Wednesday, you know? And Igor rudely rushed into my lab and accused me of going after his girl, Mary Shelly. I clearly do not have time for that nonsense, and Igor now knows what I am doing for science fair this year. I was really excited for it to be a surprise.

IGOR: I don't care about his stupid project, but he better apologize for what he said to Mary Shelly. He knows what I am talking about.

Impact Statement for FRANK N. STEIN:

Impact Statement for IGOR:

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