

TAP NEWS

December Reminders

- Whitten Middle School is currently in the lead for the quarterly challenge with 13 mediations! Will your school be able to catch up and win the Hot Cocoa Bar with 20 logged mediations by Winter Break?
- You can email TAP photos and stories to engagement@isjl.org to be included in next month's newsletter.
- Have a wonderful winter break!



TAP SUMMITS

Our Mississippi mediators met last month for the annual TAP Summits in their regions. Thank you to everyone who came out for this wonderful day of learning and professional development!



Cleveland Central Middle School and Greenville High School came to the Grammy Museum Mississippi--despite the snowy day!--for a refresher training and a workshop on music, politics, and social change.



The Jackson Public School mediators visited the COFO Civil Rights Education Center on Jackson State University's campus for workshops on empathetic listening and to learn about the history of the space.

STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Informal Mediations

The skills you learn as a TAP mediator are not restricted to formal mediations. You can also help your peers during downtime at school, on the bus, at practice, or at home. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- You are not there to give advice, but to help the disputants think through

questions to the root of the conflict and find a win-win solution.

- Make both people feel like they are being heard.
- If the conflict is too big to resolve in an informal setting, refer the disputants to a formal mediation.
- Remember to maintain confidentiality.



Be sure to log Informal Mediations on your Mediator Log and note which TAP strategies you used.

Stay Warm - Stay Cool!

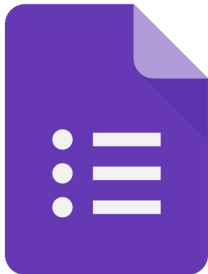
This TAP pullover hoodie is the perfect way to show your support for peer mediation and keep cozy and warm this winter.

Contact your TAP Staff to order one for only \$26.



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

OH DEER!

RUDOLPH: I have a very shiny nose; you could even say it glows. All of the other reindeer just laugh and call me names. They never let me join in any reindeer games!

COMET: If Rudy didn't speak in rhyme, maybe we could be cool with him. I can get past the bright red beacon on his face, but Dasher and Blitzen can't stand the guy. I'd rather hang out with my real friends than try and fit this weirdo in.

Impact Statement for RUDOLPH:

Impact Statement for COMET:

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