

TAP MONTHLY

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TAP NEWS

- The next JPSD Monthly Meeting is April 13th at 7:30 a.m.
- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time
- Don't forget to log your mediations in your Google spreadsheet
- Submit your story about how TAP has made a difference in your school for our next newsletter

MEDIATOR SPOTLIGHT

Are you doing great things with TAP at your school? Do you have a story to share about how mediation has made a difference? Submit it for our next newsletter!



VOICE
Speak calmly & confidently

INVEST
Take notes & use Guidelines to Good Listening

BREATHE
If you relax, so will the disputants

EYE CONTACT
Show that you are listening

SHAPE
Sit tall & slightly lean in

Two cartoon penguins are sitting on chairs at a black table. Between them on the table is a green circle with a vertical line through its center, resembling a microphone or a symbol. The penguins are green with orange beaks and feet.

STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

PUTTING THE DISPUTANTS AT EASE

Use your Good V.I.B.E.S. to help students relax so that they can speak openly, be honest, and work hard toward finding a peaceful resolution to their conflict.



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PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

NIKKI: For my birthday yesterday, my mom packed me a cupcake. Before I got the chance to try it, Aiden grabbed it and took a huge bite out of it. I didn't even want it after he got his germs all over it. So much for a happy birthday.

Impact Statement for Nikki:

AIDEN: I thought Nikki was nodding at me, but now I guess she was talking to someone else. I thought the nod meant I could try some of the cupcake, but I misunderstood. I'm sorry she's so upset about it. It really was tasty.

Impact Statement for Aiden:



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

By Mrs. Stephanie Brown of Whitten Middle School

T.A.P. has been making a difference here at Whitten Middle School. One T.A.P. mediation we had this year was significant because some of the parents were ready to go downtown to the superintendent's office due to an ongoing conflict that was occurring with a group of students feuding over social media and continuing the feud at school. All avenues had been taken with the counselor, administrators, parents and teachers, but the conflict continued and was getting worse. The students were referred to T.A.P. under our 8th grade mediators Charlicya Wilson and Kyra Taylor. The mediation took two days. After two days of mediation, the students were able to come to a peaceful resolution, and till this day everyone that was involved is still at peace with one another!



We are very proud of how Charlicya and Kyra conducted themselves during the mediations, using their T.A.P. skills to help our students resolve their conflict peacefully. It was a great feeling to be able to go to the principal with everyone who was involved to let him know that everything had been resolved, and all because of T.A.P.!