

NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Equity Coalition's Weekly Newsletter



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Fairfield Equity Coalition is a youth-led organization taking local action to reimagine Fairfield's definition of what constitutes a comprehensive education. Our goal is to push for equitable policy and curriculum changes within Fairfield Public Schools while raising awareness on injustices against marginalized populations within our community.

Welcome to our **fifty first** newsletter! As a community newsletter, we encourage our readership to reach out with suggested items. Thank you for your continued interest in our coalition!

COALITION UPDATE

We have been very busy over the past week or two, solidifying our goals for 2022 as well as working on new programs for the new year.

The FEC Team is working to create and offer a music mentorship program to local high school students, in order to offer skills and tools from special guests on how to pursue their music career after high school.

January 12th will be the next meeting for the middle school Beloved community club. There, the President of FEC, will guide the members deeper into [This Book Is Antiracist](#), and attempt to learn more about the lessons it has to offer through group discussion and other activities. This club is open to all middle school aged students who are open to learning.

The President, met with Digna A Marte, the director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion at Fairfield Public Schools, to discuss how to better implement and accomplish the Coalition's goals in the coming 2022 - 2023 school year. They will have a follow up meeting in February to discuss the timeline created from our *Promoting Anti-Racism and Racial Equity in Fairfield Public Schools* report.

We will also be introducing some new members for the year, so make sure to watch out for an email with more information about this.

Lastly, check out our instagram posts from the past few weeks to learn more about the celebration of Hanukkah and the celebration of historically underrepresented holidays, and the how to avoid Digital Blackface. Both series provide information on how you can be more accepting and tolerant in the new Year.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- January 13th, 6:00 pm via Zoom: The Town Of Fairfield is hosting its weekly Racial Equity and Justice Task Force meeting, in which they will discuss how to challenge racist policies and practices within our town. It will be open to the public for comment and observation. More info [here](#).
- January 20th, 6:30 pm, Fairfield Public Library: The Fairfield Public Library is hosting an author talk with Jacob Reinmuth, a co-author of the graphic memoir *Big Black: Stand at Attica*. In his multimedia presentation, Reinmuth, will discuss the events at Attica, a significant prisoner's rights protest, and the life of Frank "Big Black" Smith, a prisoner who helped lead the rebellion. Register [here](#).

ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Over the past few months and throughout the COVID - 19 Pandemic, Wade's Dairy in Bridgeport has hosted weekly drive up food distribution for families in need. Last weekend, they hosted a special event funded by the Church of Latter Day Saints, who donated 40,00 pounds of food to the Bridgeport Area Catholic church in order to help families in need this holiday season. You can learn how to help with these weekly food distributions at Wade's Dairy [here](#).

THIS WEEK WE'RE...

Reading about statewide efforts by art and institutions to promote Diversity Equity and Inclusion in their museums. Many Art Museums have just begun to reopen from the COVID - 19 Pandemic in the recent months, and are beginning to deal with the cultural reckoning brought about by the death of George Floyd in June 2020. Many organizations and groups have, after a reexamination of their collections, found they underserve and underrepresent marginalized groups. Now, countless museums across the state are looking to change that through new acquisitions of Black and Hispanic art that will help to better represent the population of their towns.

Many are also taking a look at their staffing and leadership, and making efforts to bring in new perspectives and increase diversity in what has historically been dominated by white people. TheState is also attempting to promote this new effort, by prioritizing arts grants for those institutions that have worked to create more diversity in their staff and collections.

GET INVOLVED

We are always seeking new members and leaders! If you are a current student or alumni of FPS and are interested in further involvement, please [fill out this survey](#). If you are a teacher, administrator, parent, or Fairfield resident, please email us at fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com to get involved.

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