

# 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 **forty-ninth** 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

The first week of November will mark the Fairfield Equity Coalition Book Club's first meeting. We have been organizing and preparing for a few weeks now, reviewing what books our group wants to read and when we want to meet. The book club is for middle school students interested in discussing issues of equity in our community. The first book will be [This Book Is Anti Racist](#) by Tiffany Jewell. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact [mmchugh@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:mmchugh@fairfieldschools.org).

Secondly, today marks the first day of Día De Los Muertos (the "Day Of The Dead" celebration). The holiday originated in Mexico as a way to celebrate and remember those close to you who have passed away, and also as a time to think contemplatively and acceptingly about inevitable death, attempting to help people come to terms with human mortality. Since its inception, Día De Los Muertos celebrations and traditions have spread throughout Spanish-speaking countries across the world, as well as into the United States among people of Mexican Descent.

To celebrate this holiday, we have put together a series of Instagram posts celebrating Día De Los Muertos, including information on what it is, the history behind it, and how people celebrate. Check them out [here](#).

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- Saturday, November 6th, 10 AM - 1 PM @ The First Baptist Church: Inclusive Fairfield has teamed up with the first church Fairfield to create a celebration of diversity in Fairfield. Fun activities and some refreshments will be provided. Check out more info [here](#).
- October 25th - November 7th All Through Fairfield: This week, the town of Fairfield Celebrates its annual restaurant week! Check out the multitude of small businesses in downtown Fairfield with special offerings on their menus this week. More info [here](#).

### ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Norwalk Public Library is hosting their monthly meeting of the "Read Between The Lines" book club, a group dedicated to learning about and finding new authors that present new ideas to the reader. The group challenges you to find a story or author that makes a difference, and read their story. If you are interested, information for their November 1st Meeting can be found [here](#).

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

On October 12th, Lisa Olivere, Jenn Swingler, and Bari Rabine presented the African American, Black, Latino, and Puerto Rican Studies Course to the Board of Education. Public Act 19-12 was passed in 2019 and as a result, all high schools in the state are required to offer this course beginning in fall 2022. The Fairfield Board of Education had some concerns about how the committee hopes to bring this course to Fairfield. Actionable Change Number 1 states, "Ensure curricula for all grade levels prioritizes cultural and racial diversity by amplifying representative perspectives and experiences of historically marginalized groups." This is the first step in that. This upcoming school year will be the first year this class is offered and although it might not be perfect, the district will be able to adapt it as time evolves. The committee hopes to present again at the November 30th Board of Education Meeting.

### 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](mailto:fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com) to get involved.

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