

TAP NEWS

March Announcements

As our schedules and lifestyles change during this uncertain time, please do not hesitate to reach out. The TAP Staff is always here as a resource and support.

A Message from Dave Miller

I hope everyone is healthy and finding ways to make the most of their extended Spring Break. The entire TAP team is so impressed with everything you have accomplished and look forward to seeing you end the year strong. Starting in March I will no longer be the Director of TAP, as I take on a new role at a different organization. I have loved seeing hundreds of mediators lead their schools and show the adults that you should be empowered to take on this role. Ms. Rachel Glazer will be taking over and she is going to do amazing things! Thank you for all you do and the great memories.



SPOTLIGHT ON JIM HILL MEDIATORS

During the Literacy Achievement Bonanza, a different program run by the TAP Staff Team, we had many mediators come out and volunteers. Elka Louis-Juste and Venel Louis-Juste, mediators from Jim Hill High School, conducted informal mediators with our elementary school students to help peacefully resolve a conflict. Shout out to them!



STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Mediating While School is Cancelled



Being stuck at home with your siblings and anxiety about the state of the world can cause high tensions. Use Impact Statements to identify why they are feeling a certain way, what actions caused these feelings and what their desired solution is. By using an Impact Statement, you can provide the structure to create open and honest communication at your home... and then log it to count towards your school's mediation count!

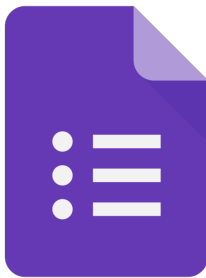
TAP Stress Ball

Grab a stress ball and use it when you are feeling stressed. Contact your Site Coordinator to purchase these for \$3.



LOG YOUR MEDIATIONS

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.

Middle Schools: A Site Coordinator logs the mediation, and mediators may but are not required to.

High Schools: A Site Coordinator logs the mediation as well as at least one mediator.

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

For more details on how to use this form, view our handy guide [here](#).

STAFF PICK

Each month our staff members highlight their favorite conflict resolution



At Harvard Law School, students are learning about the value of online mediation to help in disputes on online platforms. Companies are hiring and training e-mediators to help with online disputes. The article highlights the importance of online mediators and how to conduct good online mediations, which TAP Mediators can use during a time of social distancing.

Ava says: This article highlights the importance of productive online discussions. One part I particularly found interesting related to Good VIBES from the TAP curriculum. Conducting online mediations is challenging in that you cannot see the disputants and easier in other ways as it may be less intimidating to do it from the safety of one's own home. TAP Mediators can use these skills to practice informal mediations as well as potentially create careers in the field.

TAP WORKSHOPS

Each month we feature one of our TAP workshops. Click on the image to read more about them.

Keep it Cool

The ability to express one's feelings from an early age can help with successful conflict management throughout one's life. This child-centered workshop is 45 minutes for 3rd-5th grade students and 30 minutes for kindergarten-2nd grade students.



PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

Rikki:

Since we've been out of school, Alyssa and I have been checking in with each other every day. Alyssa sent me a passive-aggressive text the other day and so I responded passive-aggressively too. It spiraled out of control and now I don't know what to do because we can't talk in person and I don't even want to.

Alyssa:

Rikki texted me and I was busy doing something so I sent a short response. She started acting weird after that and now we both are just avoiding each other. It's really uncomfortable and stupid but

Impact Statement for Rikki:

Impact Statement for Alyssa:

neither of us have seen each other and we don't ever talk on the phone so there's nothing we can do.

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