TAP NEWS

October Announcements

- Log 10 mediations by the end of October and your school can win a spooky TAP Treat!
- We have some updates on how to log mediations. Click here for a guide on how to log a mediation.
    - **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.
- We are excited to announce that the JPS TAP Induction for the Spring 2019 mediators will happen on October 29th at Blackburn Middle School. Click on the invitation below for the printable version.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

TAP
TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS

Mediator Induction

OCTOBER 29, 2019 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

BLACKBURN MIDDLE SCHOOL
1311 W PEARL ST, JACKSON, MS 39203

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STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Announcements on the Intercom

Mediation doesn't happen unless the disputants know they have access to it. Announcements over the intercom are an easy way to inform the student body about TAP. Here is an example script. Feel free to make your own and have fun with it!

Student 1: Have you heard of TAP?
Student 2: What do you mean? Tap dancing, tapping out during wrestling, tapping a pencil when you're thinking, a tap on the shoulder?
Student 1: Nooooo. TAP stands for Talk About the Problems. It's when two peer mediators come together to help two students resolve conflict peacefully. To learn more about TAP, talk to a TAP mediator or a counselor.

Sticky Notebook

With the semester moving quickly, you may be running out of supplies. Order one of our TAP Sticky Notebooks to replenish your sticky notes and represent TAP.

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 resource.

The Daring Classrooms website has a collection of quote cards, posters, and downloads to hang

Empathy is connecting to the emotions that underpin an experience.

on walls of classrooms or bulletin boards. These resources remind students that at school, it is important to feel safe physically and emotionally and for students to be vulnerable.

Ava says: "Brené Brown created the website based off her books. Her work embodies many of the ideas we cover in TAP, and we even watch one of her videos about empathy during training. I love that she created a resource to bring empathy and vulnerability into classrooms just as we do with TAP."

TAP WORKSHOPS

We are excited to kick off our new TAP Workshops! Each month we will feature one of our workshops. Click on the image to read more about them.

Understanding Conflict

Conflict is neither good nor bad; our reactions determine positive or negative outcomes. Explore conflict management styles and begin communicating basic emotional needs through discussion, games, and role-play scenarios.

TAP
TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS

TAP (Talk About the Problems) is a conflict resolution program making a difference in schools and organizations throughout the South. TAP focuses on stopping conflicts before they escalate by empowering individuals to strengthen their communication and leadership skills.

TAP Workshops are 90 minutes each and ideal for groups of 30 or fewer, with participants from elementary school to teachers, parents, supervisors, employees, and adults of every age.

WORKSHOPS
Emotional Advocacy
Making Connections
Managing Conflict
Understanding Conflict
Communication and Conflict
Keep it Cool

Workshops are $250 each, except Keep it Cool which is $125. For more information, reach out to engagement@isjl.org or 601-362-6357.

PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

Ron:
I'm so mad. Last week I told Harry that I liked Luna, and then literally the next day he went and asked her on a date. I could not believe it! He's supposed to be my best friend.

Impact Statement for Ron:

Harry:
I honestly liked Luna before, but I'm a lot more private than Ron and keep my feelings to myself. Just because he told me he liked Luna didn't mean I had to tell him that I liked her. I thought it would be better if I didn't say anything.

Impact Statement for Harry:

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