



January 15, 2021: Go and Get Your Love

Dear CDS Community,

This week I met with a group of white heads of school who are working to be more antiracist. The meeting had a focus of communication, and in my small group I brought up the fact that I am always wrestling with the need to “lead” and “communicate” for the entire community. Intentionally, our community encompasses many backgrounds, perspectives, identities, and lived experiences. Even with a focus on being inclusive, I am biased by my perspectives, background, and identity. Sometimes, although I intend to be inclusive in how I communicate and lead, I know that my intention might lead to unexpected impact, hurt, or confusion.

As I am called to give advice or speak on behalf of the school, I am conscious of our different lived experiences and how my own experiences do not come close to representing our collective experiences. I am open to feedback, advice, and constructive criticism about how I can be more inclusive in how I lead and support our community. Please reach out to me or use our online feedback form if it feels better to share your thoughts anonymously.

This week’s assembly offered us an amazing opportunity to reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the end, a student suggested that we “go and get your love,” and here are a couple of ways you can get love and celebrate the legacy of Dr. King:

- [Museum of the African Diaspora](#) – A Celebration of Dr. King’s National Day of Service
- [Where Do We Go From Here? Documentary Film Festival](#) from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University.

Have a nice weekend.

Warmly,
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