

MCPS is committed to stopping bullying before it occurs. In August of 2018, teachers and staff received training on anti-bullying and relationship building. Each school was commissioned with setting expectations for their teachers and students to come together and end bullying in our schools. MCPS will participate in “Orange Day” -a day of Unity for all. For more information on either program, please go to:

www.violencepreventionworks.org

www.pacer.org

What is the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program?

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, or OBPP for short, is the most researched and best-known bullying prevention program available today. It was developed by Dan Olweus, Ph.D., of Norway. OBPP has over 35 years of research behind it and has been implemented throughout the world, in countries such as the United States, Canada, England, Mexico, Iceland, Germany, Sweden, and Croatia, in addition to Norway.

OBPP is recognized by the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence as one of only 11 Blueprints Model Programs and by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as a Model Program – two of the highest honors a prevention program can attain. It has also received numerous awards from other organizations dedicated to addressing the issue of bullying and violence among children.

Olweus Program Goals:

The goals of the program are:

- reducing existing bullying problems among students*
- preventing the development of new bullying problems*
- achieving better peer relations at school.*

Teachers having class meetings to connect with students discussing:

What is bullying?

What are the different forms or kinds of bullying?

How does bullying differ from other types of aggression between students?

What causes bullying?

Why do some students bully?

What can we do to help others who are being bullied? /supporting our classmates?

Key Audiences:

All students participate in most aspects of the program. Students who bully others, and students who are bullied, receive additional individualized interventions.

OBPP is used at the school, classroom, and individual levels and includes methods to reach out to parents and the community for involvement and support. School administrators, teachers, and other staff are primarily responsible for introducing and implementing the program. These efforts are designed to improve peer relations and make the school a safer and more positive place for students to learn and develop.

Unity Day-Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Together against bullying. UNITED for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to showing that you believe that all youth should be safe from bullying? Come together in one giant **ORANGE** message of hope and support, WEAR AND SHARE **ORANGE** to color our nation, and even the world, visibly showing that our society believes that no child should ever experience bullying.

