

Theme: DISCOVER

Educational Resources: 7-12

Activity: Spirit Day-Wear White

Subject: Any

Prep Time: None

Activity Time: N/A

Activity Description:

Direct Instruction –

Students will be told that today (or tomorrow's) spirit day is to wear white. The background can be given that a 9th grade student in the Blue Valley School District was murdered by a white supremacist who wanted to kill Jewish people. We wear white today in honor of Reat Underwood and all the other victims of hate crimes based on a lack of knowledge and understanding of differences. White stands for purity. White is our commitment to not hating anyone because of a difference they have. We don't have to agree with or like everyone that is different, but we don't act violently towards anyone.

Group Discussion –

School staff can add to the impact of the spirit day by asking the students to consider introducing themselves to someone they don't know, or talking to someone they want to get to know better. Take this opportunity to discover that we are more alike than we are different. Take one bold step to show kindness and concern for others, just like Reat.

Partner Activity –

Individual Activity -

Outcome Measurement:

School staff records the amount of students in each grade that wore something white today. Staff may choose to give extra points to students who can explain why they are wearing white.

Sources: SevenDays[®]

Aligns with Kansas State Standard:

- Social Emotional Character Development Standards, Character Development Model Standards
 - Social Development- Interpersonal Skills
 - Character Development – Core Principles

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