

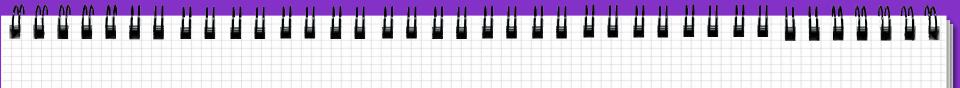
LET'S CHECK IN!

But the catch is...

You can't take too much time to think about it

I NEED YOU TO JUST LOOK AND THEN CHOOSE AN IMAGE THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW YOU HAVE FELT FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE WEEK...





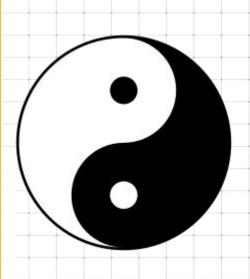
Now that we checked in I just want

to take a moment to say

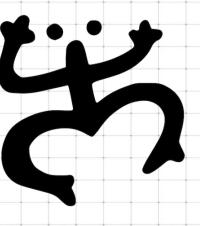




I'm Justis Lopez







This was me when I was little











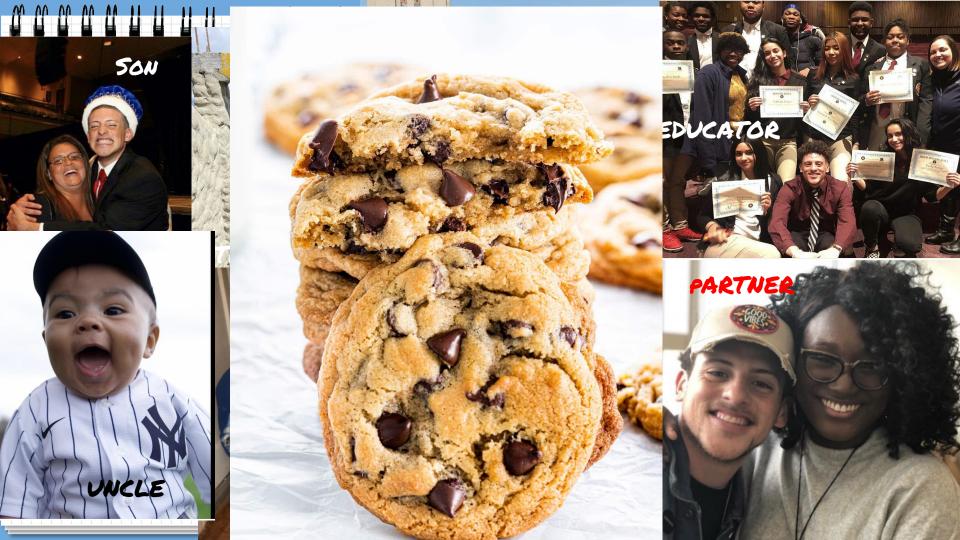


I'm Big Now













Pensamiento Serpentino Luis Valdez



Community Agreements

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and Mutual Aid Disaster Relief

SPEAK FROM "I"

We use "I" statements rather than generalizations.

WHAT'S SAID HERE STAYS HERE, WHAT'S LEARNED HERE LEAVES HERE

We honor confidentiality. Any personal or specific story or information that's shared here requires consent from the speaker to be shared outside of this space.

NO ONE KNOWS EVERYTHING: TOGETHER WE KNOW A LOT

We look for what we have to learn from each person in the group, and we share what we know, as well as our questions, so that others may learn from us.

IMPACT IS GREATER THAN INTENT

We have to acknowledge that sometimes what we mean isn't always how others interpret what we say. No matter our intentions, we also take responsibility for our impacts.

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WE CAN'T ALWAYS EXPRESS OURSELVES PERFECTLY

And that's okay. We give ourselves and others the benefit of the doubt. We want everyone to feel comfortable participating, even if they don't feel they have the perfect words.

THROW SUNSHINE

We approach our challenges with creative curiosity and questions ("What if we...?"). We find ways to show others our support and enthusiasm. We throw sunshine, not shade!

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF TO TAKE CARE OF THE GROUP

We do what is needed to be most comfortable and present in the space. If we see others shift their position, take a drink of water, or briefly step out or turn off the camera, we assume it is a result of their work to engage more deeply with the work, not distraction.

EXPECT & RESPECT A LACK OF CLOSURE

We won't get to everything, and sometimes important discussions may be cut short. We commit to sitting with and processing thoughts or feelings after the experience has ended and doing what we need to do in order to be fully present again the next time we come together.

What I hope to offer:





Community



Encouragement



Joy





Today's experience and flow





- Welcome
- Grounding Activity
- Project Happyvism Breakdown
- Exploring Joy and dimensions of wellness
- Joy anthem creative creation
- Open mic share out







Grounding

Centering yourself, and creative energy









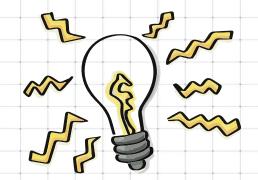




Reflections • What is Joy?

- What brings you Joy?

- Why is is important for Joy to exist?
- Is Happiness and Joy the same?







Happiness

Joy

External

Internal

Dependant

Comes and goes

Independant

Can be constant

Emotion

State or condition

Both are deeply impacted by identity & lived experiences

Both are deeply relational and communal

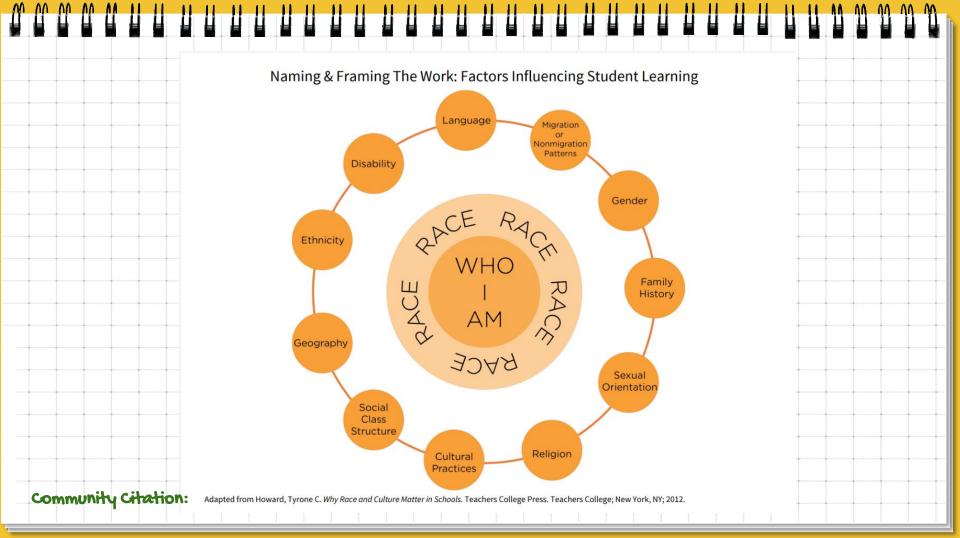
Community Citation: Harvard adult developmental study on happiness

Lessons from our guides who have created a blueprint on Sustaining Joy.

"Joy is crucial for social change; joy is crucial for teaching. Finding joy in the midst of pain and trauma is the fight to be fully human. A revolutionary spirit that embraces joy, self-care, and love is moving toward wholeness. Acknowledging joy is to make yourself aware of your humanity, creativity, self-determination, power and ability to love abundantly."



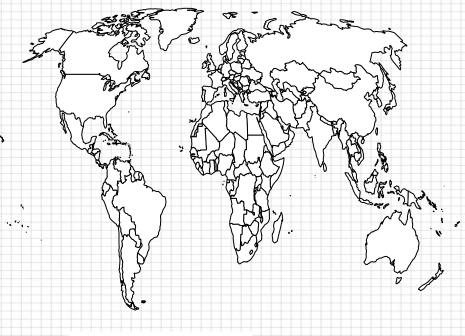
Dr.Bettina Love



Kill the Indian



Save the Man



Richard Henry Pratt (1840 –1924)

American general
Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian
Industrial School



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"Everyone deserves Joy, and wants to have Joy, not just less misery. What is needed is an approach that allows practitioners to approach trauma with a lens that promotes a holistic view of healing. One approach is healing-centered in addition to trauma-informed. Trauma informed care is important, it is incomplete. A healing centered approach is holistic involving culture, spirituality, civic action, and collective healing."



Dr. Shawn 6inwrigh





Project Happyvism

A song, a book, and so much more.

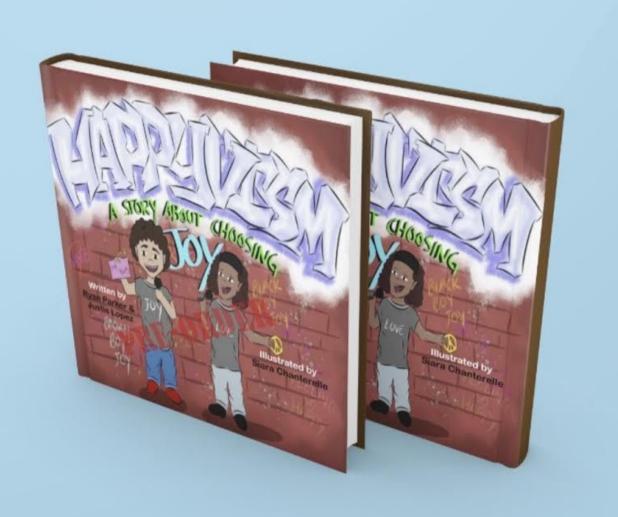
A song centered on joy and the power and significance of self love and joy as a form of activism and radical resistance.

A book centered on the significance, necessity and power of embracing joy in the face of a world riddled with trauma and oppression specifically as it relates to communities of color.

A book that embraces the beauty and need for joy and emphasizes the fact that maintaining happiness about who you are and what you think, say and do in a world that consistently goes against the grain of your identity is a form of activism in itself hence: HAPPYVISM.







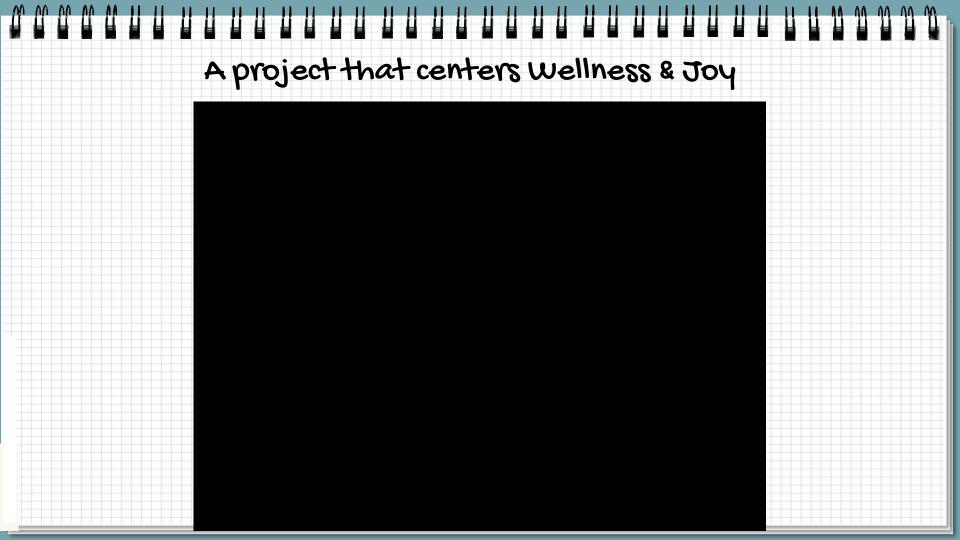






Dr. Melissa-Sue John





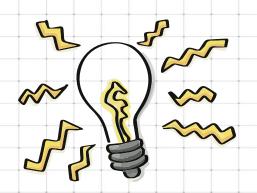




Reflection

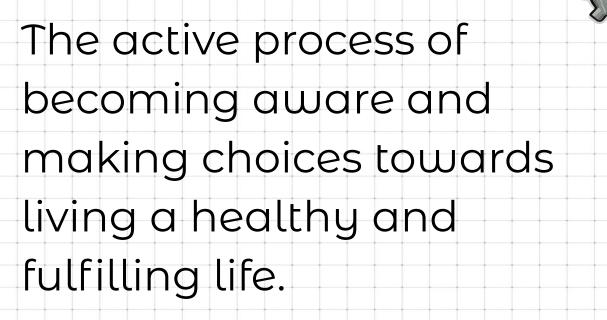


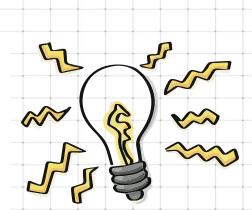
• What is wellness?





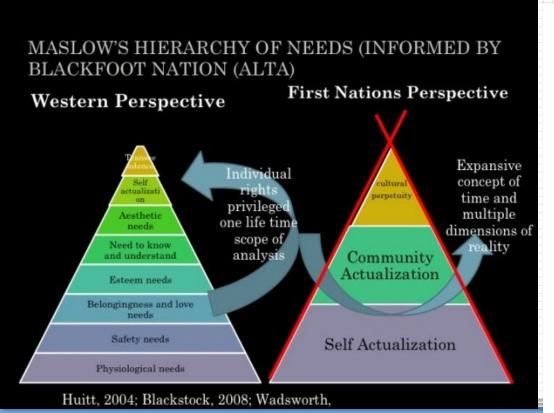




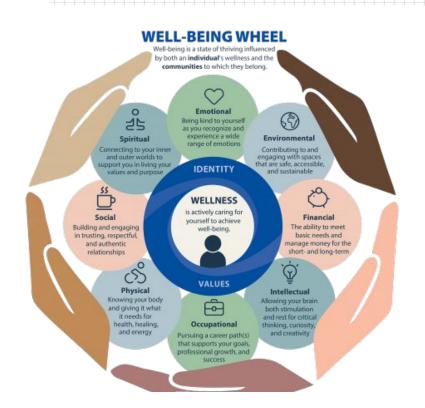


Frameworks and blueprints that center Wellness

Community Citation: Blackfoot Nation







Looking at wellness holistically

Take a moment to reflect on this framework:

What is one area you are thriving in? (Doing well)

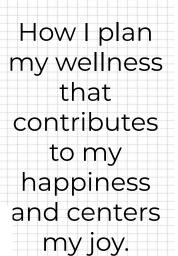
What is one area you would wish to further explore to learn more about?
(Potentially grow in)

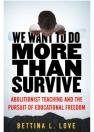
Community Citation: University of New Hampshire, Health and Wellness Department

Wellness plan. Cultivate your happiness, center your joy.











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The 5 people to help you along your path of joy



Community Citation: Stacey Flowers

The 5 people to help you along your path of joy

Cheerleader: A person who believes in you when you don't believe in yourself.

Mentor: A mentor is someone who has the willingness to provide you with information and point you in the right direction.

Coach: Is meant to make you uncomfortable to maximize your potential.

Friend: A person connected to your heart, who knows your truest hearts desire. They always keep you connected to your authentic self.

Peer: Is a person who helps you during social situations, always keeping your head in the game.

Reflection to self



Who is your cheerleader? Mentor? Coach? Friend? Peer?

How have you played the role of a cheerleader? Mentor? Coach? Friend? Peer? To others?

tappyvism: A poem, and anthem of Joy & self love



MY JOY BE ANTHEM!





Happyvism is a Joy anthem. A wellness outline. Now it's your turn to create your own joy anthem that represents your joy and love of self!

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Take a moment to reflect on what brings you joy. (This could be food, special places you like to go to, special sounds, special people you love to be around, sports, hobbies, activities you love etc.)
 - 2. View the "My Joy be... Poem" starter guide and notice how the guide provides you with topics to think about.
- 3. Use the guide to help you create your poem
- 4. Take time to create!!! (I will play some creation music while you get started on your anthems!)

Justis Model!

My joy be...

My abuelita hot plates of rice and beans with sweet and savory platanos, FRESHLY BAKED CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES THAT MELT IN YOUR HAND

My joy be...

The mixing of melodies between the DJ SET, THE CRISP AIR CUTTING THROUGH THE MOUNTAINTOP, BASKETBALLS ON EVERY STREET CORNER

My joy be...

HIKING, COMMUNITY, FREESTYLING WITH MY LIL BRO

MY JOY BE

My kindness, my brilliance, my dedication, my love, my excellence, my calm, my creativity, and my bravery to speak up and out against hatred and injustice!

My Joy be anthem sentence stems!

My Joy be...

(2 - 3 foods that you love to eat)

My Joy be...

(2 - 3 favorite sounds that you love to hear)





My Joy be...

(2-3 things you like to outside of school)

My Joy be...

(2 - 3 parts of your personality that you value about yourself)

My Joy be...

(2 - 3 things that you love about yourself physically)

My Joy be...

(2 - 3 things you appreciate about other people, this can be family members, students in class, teachers etc.)







The CYPHER is sacred and much more than people simply rapping in a crowd.

The CYPHER is about...



Community

Connectedness

Love

Voice

Joy

Learning

Support

Creativity

Unity

Restoration

Family

Having each others back

Brilliance

Healing Emotion/feeling

Self-care











