

# Fairfield Equity Coalition

## COALITION UPDATES

As a Coalition, we are continuing our training for the FPS Elementary school book club. This includes creating a baseline for books, presentations, and interactive activities, as well as meeting with the local libraries to collaborate to gain more community involvement.



Specifically this summer, we are creating a program at the Public Library and Pequot Library to test-run the book club with local children and their parents.



Next on the agenda is our Giving Love Back Bags. With the help of the community, we collected many items ranging from clothing, toys, food, and books for all ages! Thus far, we will be giving them to Tomlinson Middle School and McKinley Elementary School families. We are still in the process of placing donations to the FPS families that would benefit from it so stay tuned for more in the next newsletter.

As always, we want to expand our projects and work throughout the different schools, grades, and avenues in which this work can be done. If you would like to stay updated, follow our socials!

## HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS!

**Question of the month:** Why should high school students be involved in FEC?

**Answers from our member: Genevieve**

FEC is a great way to engage in the community and make a positive difference in the lives of others. FEC will also help you learn more about the struggles of minority groups, and help you implement an inclusive environment in the community and beyond.

## FACTS & DEFINITIONS

The month of **February** is known as Black History Month, which celebrates the Black experience in the United States (and a few other countries).



- In 1976, President Ford declared February as Black History Month.
- Before Black History Month was declared, African Americans were celebrated in "Negro History Week", which highlighted contributions of African Americans.
- Every year Black History Month has a different theme, and in 2023 the theme is "Black Resistance."
- Specifically this year, the actions of African Americans to overcome oppression are recognized.

Underground Railroad, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Black Lives Matter protests, and many more are examples of Black resistance.

- The Underground Railroad was formed to escape slavery and fight the institution of slavery.
- The Montgomery Bus Boycott protested racial segregation on public transportation.
- The Black Lives Matter Movement protested police brutality in response to the death of George Floyd.

## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

- FPS Board of Education upcoming meetings:
  - March 14th @ 7:30PM
- Continue to look for upcoming school and town-wide Womens History Month events and resources on our socials!

