

Anti-Racism Task Force

September 2020 Resources - Anti-Racism in Education

The Anti-Racism Task Force is pleased to bring you this inaugural edition of our monthly resource blast. Each month a different member of our task force will release links and resources related to a specific theme. No questions will be posed, but feel free to share reflections or start a conversation.

In addition to these monthly e-mails, the Anti-Racism Task Force will soon be organizing small discussion groups as a follow-up to the fantastic program and discussion last month hosted by our Programming and Education committee. Karen Klementowski is spearheading the small group initiative and will be sending out the details shortly. Any PAWNY member interested in participating is welcome, even if you were unable to attend the July 24th discussion group.

This month, as children get ready to head back to school (in whatever form that may take), we are focused on what can be done to mitigate systemic racism in our educational systems. To create change we first have to understand the particulars of the problem and how we ended up where we are. Here are a few great resources to better understand how education continues to be racially separate and unequal:

Books:

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria by Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D.

Ghosts in the Schoolyard by Eve Ewing

Podcasts:

[NYTimes Podcast - Nice White Parents](#)

[Codeswitch: “ A Tale of Two School Districts” Sept. 11, 2019-school-districts](#)

Articles:

[APA Article - Inequality at School](#)

[“The racist effects of school reopening during the pandemic — by a teacher”](#)

[“Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Education: Psychology’s Contributions to Understanding and Reducing Disparities.”](#)

Additionally, a critical component of meaningful change is changing the way we communicate about race and racism with children. Here are some resources related to this important endeavor:

Children’s Books: (If you would like to preview them before buying, we have provided youtube links to the books being read).

Anti-racist Baby (Ibram X. Kendi)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw3DjP7HSts>

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History (Vishti Harrison)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50q8gQBeGzc>

Not my Idea: A Book About Whiteness (Anastasia Higginbotham)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVsqRKpAizY>

A Kids Book About Racism (Jelani Memory) [https://](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnaltG5N8nE)

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We’re Different, We’re the Same (Sesame Street/Bobbi Kates)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUrjb4SZnxg>

Websites:

<https://blog.brainpop.com/antiracist-education-free-resources-kids/>

Podcasts:

[NPR Lifekit-Parenting: How White Parents Can Talk To Their Kids About Race \(6/4/20\)](#)

[NPR Lifekit: Talking Race With Young Children \(4/26/19\)](#)

Thank You,

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