



Dear TCS Community,

Over the years, our students at TCS have often heard me say that being a good person is not enough, not being a racist is not enough. If you are not actively doing something to change the injustice, you are part of the problem. That is sometimes harder for adults to grapple with than for our children. Simply naming injustice, without being willing to educate ourselves, without being willing to listen, without being willing to take action against it, is perpetuating the injustice.

Michelle Obama said last week, "It just goes on and on and on. Race and racism is a reality that so many of us grow up learning to just deal with. But if we ever hope to move past it, it can't just be on people of color to deal with it. It's up to all of us - Black, white, everyone - no matter how well-meaning we think we might be, to do the honest, uncomfortable work of rooting it out".

I am hopeful that at TCS, our community members will begin this process of change with self-examination and a willingness to ask important, and sometimes uncomfortable questions. Do we know or are we willing to learn about the deep history and legacy of white supremacy in this country? What specific actions are we taking in our own lives to stand up against prejudice and injustice?

As our Field Day, Athletic Awards, and our Spring Show on Saturday bring us to a very different close this week than we all imagined way back in September, I am comforted by the close bonds we share and each have nurtured even through our virtual togetherness. I know that we would all prefer to be together physically to say our goodbyes, and especially to congratulate our hardworking, graduating 8th graders who are moving on to high school, our fifth graders stepping up to middle school, and our pre-k students taking the bold and big step into kindergarten. There's so much about our world right now that we can't change. And yet, this week, as I witnessed protests throughout our city, state, and nation, listened to our middle school students thoughtfully discussing and speaking out about the injustices of racism in our country, and spoke with many of you about the actual work that we need to do and must do ourselves, I am hopeful about the change that is possible. I am hopeful because I see our young people recognizing that they are a vital part of this change.

In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to provide additional resources and invitations to virtual opportunities that support our families and staff in coming together for engagement and deeper learning.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Holly'.

Holly Novick  
Head of School