



On Monday, November 28th, we are thrilled to be presenting the documentary *Finding Kind* to our girls here at Inglewood Junior High School. This documentary has received international recognition as a vehicle for raising awareness of the effects and impact of girl against girl “crime”. That “crime” is bullying, rumors, exclusion and downright meanness. The Kind Campaign was initiated by two young women from Pepperdine University. In 2009 they came together and decided to do something about the issue of girl on girl meanness. The result was the Kind Campaign (www.kindcampaign.com) and the movie *Finding Kind*. We encourage you to take some time to explore the website and read a bit more about this wonderful campaign. You’ve probably heard about this movie; the young filmmakers, Molly Thompson and Lauren Parsekian, have appeared on most talk shows, given interviews and generated tons of positive publicity and support. Many, many schools in our area have taken the initiative of bringing the film into their community and given it ringing endorsements.

Teachers and administrators have previewed the movie and deemed it appropriate for our students. The film is really designed to speak to girls (and their parents) and the message is uniquely skewed in this direction. For this reason, we decided to separate our students by gender. Our girls – along with all the female teachers and staff will be the viewing the film and participating in a debrief session as a follow up. Our boys will be working with the men of our school and experiencing a different kind of learning; they will be focusing on integrity, character building and making positive statements and impressions. We are very excited. We’ll be creating a special schedule on Monday, November 28th to accommodate the time and attention that this event will take from our school day. We all believe that this use of time is worthwhile to our students. Learning will occur!

In addition to the school screening, we will be hosting a Community Event on the evening of November 28th. That screening will be held in the theater at Eastlake High School and will begin at 7:00. Tickets for the evening screening can be purchase on the Finding Kind website. (<http://findingkind.indieflix.com/find/>) We hope that many of our parents and community leaders will join us that evening and share the film with their children. The evening viewing is truly designed to be a Sammamish community event; it’s open to any and all! When we attended the screening at a site in Kirkland it seemed that it was a particularly meaningful event to attend as a family – probably especially for mothers and daughters. That being said, we want our young men to grow up as sensitive and caring people who will learn to understand the women in their lives! This film might open some doors to them as well. Please help spread the word.

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