

# BPS Early Childhood Department Kindergarten Conference

Thursday, September 8, 2022 at Lombardo's in Randolph

Continental breakfast and sign in 8:30

8:45--9:15: Welcome (Jason Sachs) and keynote by Steve Gross from Life is Good

9:15 -10:00: Panel keynote: What is your "WHY"? Moderator: Josette Williams, Countdown to Kindergarten  
Stephanie Currenton, PhD from BU

Octavia Nixon and Tanya Nixon-Silberg, co-founders of Little Uprisings:

Lisa Melara: Welcome Babies and ASQ Coordinator for East Boston Social Center & BPS parent

Victor Jose (Restorative Justice and BU Center for Anti Racist Research

Steve Gross (Life is Good, Playmakers)

10:15 - 11:45: 4 breakout sessions :

Life is Good : Intro to Playmaker's and how it can be used in the classroom

Stephanie Currenton, PhD will be talking about how to take an anti-racist and anti-bias stance in early childhood classrooms by re-envisioning what quality is suggesting strategies for engaging with children in a way that builds their racial literacy.

Victor Jose :Restorative Justice: This session will focus on the elements of restorative justice and peacemaking circles as a tool for Anti Racist work within systems of oppression. ”

Little Uprisings : ABC's of Racism: How do I have a conversation about racism and other injustices with kids?

Educators will be invited to learn about a culturally responsive framework to support the development of critical text-dependent questions and the implementation of a genuine and culturally responsive conversation with peers and children.

11:45-12:30: Bag lunch / Vendors and information tables

12:30-2:15: Second sessions:

Science and Engineering and how it intersects with Racial Equity (Molly Peters )

- Be introduced to new K0/K1 science and engineering curriculum
- Walk through the engineering design process
- Learn how to help students identify themselves as scientists and engineers

Discovering Justice (K2 only) Laura Brenner

Description: Elementary teachers are crucial civics teachers! In this session, you will deepen their understanding of and practice with the MA History & Social Science Framework, learn strategies to promote civic instruction in your classroom, and engage with the newly revised *Children Discovering Justice* curriculum and tools available to you to use with your students!

It's Never Too Early to See Yourself in Computer Science!

from BPSTechnology Digital Learning Team: In this session, you will learn why introducing Computer Science is important in the early grades, discuss Computing Identity, and participate in activities that you can share immediately with students in your classroom.

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