

## Home to School Connection: Plant the seed and we will help it grow...

At Rodgers Forge Elementary we want to encourage all stakeholders of our community and our school to be proactive on their own journey towards equity. We believe that by unifying our school equity vision with individual community members' equity vision that we will foster and grow anti-racist values amongst our youth and in our community. RFES hopes to ignite an equity initiative for the community by providing links to digital resources along with a list of books, museums, and tours for you to explore with your families outside of school. All of this information will be found on our school's website in the Equity Tab. We hope these experiences will inspire and empower our community members to begin their own "call to action" within their households and social networks. Our own homes can be the most powerful place to spark a deeper and more thoughtful dialog about tough topics like systemic racism and social justice issues. We invite you to ask yourself as parents and community members, "How can we use our power to interrupt the oppressive forces in our world today? How can we build up those around us to make our community stronger?" At Rodgers Forge, we believe that together we are stronger. We can all make a difference, but we must do it together. We thank you for your support and participation in our equity journey. We know that our students' experiences outside of school will help to strengthen the ongoing dialog that we will be fostering in our classroom communities on our journey towards equity.

Below you can see the **compass tool** we use in the Baltimore County Public School System to help guide difficult conversations about race, racism, and social justice issues. This tool may be useful to you when facilitating these conversations at home. You can use it as an icebreaker to help start a dialog about a particular topic and at the end of the conversation the compass may be revisited to wrap up and share your new ideas and learning with your family members.

