



Dear Academy Members,

We hope that you are doing well this October. In this newsletter, we wanted to draw your attention back to the CASEL framework. Get a refresher with [CASEL's interactive core competency wheel](#) or CASEL's [YouTube video](#) on the core competencies.



Honoring Cultures

Latinx Heritage month spanned from September 15 to October 15. While you hopefully were able to incorporate Latinx stories into your classroom this past month, our students benefit from learning about their identities and the identities of their peers, communities and educators year round. Below are tools to engage students in learning about and reflecting on identity.

1. Scholastic's [The Heritage Project](#) lesson is a 3-day lesson for elementary school students to explore their cultural heritage by creating art pieces and working on projects related to their family history.
 2. In two separate blog posts, Facing History's Kaitlin Smith provides a [list of cultural institutions](#) and a [list of curricular activities](#) to assist educators with planning lessons on Latinx history, art, culture and social movements
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Must Read Articles

This week, we are sharing two timely articles that we think you can't miss.

1. Dr. Maurice J Elias provides strategies to make schools more inclusive, empowering and validating for all students in this [Edutopia article](#).

2. In their [Education Week article](#), Eve Colavito and Kalila Hoggrad draw attention to how social-emotional learning initiatives can become ineffective, especially for students of color, when educators and administrators fail to utilize an equity lens.

Promoting Kindness

Early this month, UNESCO held their World Youth Conference on Kindness. Alongside the event, they created the [Building Kinder Brains](#) brochure that outlines the key takeaways from the event. In case you missed the conference, you can watch the [YouTube recording](#) of the full event.



Upcoming Events

In this webinar on SEL sustainability, CASEL presents takeaways from a ten-year SEL implementation effort in large, urban school districts.

Topic: Building Connections: Social and Emotional Learning and Sustainability

Date and Time: Friday, November 19, 2021// 11AM - 12 PM ET// 8 AM - 9 AM PT

Registration Link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/1216293756954/WN__OIJqhSkQBO4-2E2KVVipg

Second Step and Family Engagement Lab co-host this webinar on investing parents in SEL.

Topic: Engaging Families with Social-Emotional Learning

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 27, 2021// 2 - 3 PM ET// 11 AM - 12 PM PT

Registration Link: http://go.cfchildren.org/WBN-2021-10-27EngagingFamilieswithSocial-EmotionalLearning_LP-Registration-Page.html



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