

Proposal:

We know that representation matters and can shape how a child sees their place in the world. At Tam Valley, we feel strongly that EVERY child regardless of race, gender, sexuality, religion or learning difference should feel included in our school community. That sense of inclusion is the message that we intend our proposed mural to visually display on campus. The mural was designed by Tam Valley parent, Lynsey Vera, who will also paint the mural on campus. An example of a mural she designed and painted at Terra Marin is included in this proposal. Additionally, since this mural is for all the students at Tam Valley, the PTA will be collecting input from the entire student body about the mural. The current Tam Valley students will determine what phrases are used in the mural and what they want the broader community to know that “Tam Valley stands for.” We believe that the proposed mural aligns with the new DEI initiative throughout the district and propose to paint this mural on the wall across from the waterwise garden on campus. Attached is a photo showing a draft of the mural we would like to paint. The final mural will be in color and the number of people/ signs may be modified to fit the space.

Artist: Lynsey Vera

Estimated Cost: \$750 from PTA Facilities and/or SID Committee budget

Timeline: The project will be completed by the end of June 2021



Overview of Idea:

- Lynsey Vera created an image to distribute to the school and make into a mural
 - Need to edit image (attached below) as follows:
 - Rather than signs saying “Protest for Equality” change to “Tam Valley Stands for”
 - Add more signs to the background
 - Possibly have more children and fewer adults in the image
- Print out a copy of image for all TV students to have as a “coloring sheet”
- On the back of the coloring page explain that the mural will be painted at school and want to include what children think Tam Valley should stand for as it relates to social justice, inclusion and diversity (*see note to kids below)
- Ask students to submit words to put on the background signs (via google form linked below)
 - Idea Form submission: <https://forms.gle/1VqLGPqGzxSWE8MC6>
- SID committee/ student council/ teachers vote (?) on word list and select 4 words to include on background signs
- Mural will be painted on school wall (where- near waterwise garden or by the parking lot?)

Original Image:





Dear Tam Tigers,

Last month was Black History Month and in many classrooms students talked about treating people fairly, no matter what they look like. It is so important at Tam Valley that the first two lines of our Tiger Pledge read “I pledge to treat all tigers the same... Respect everyone's differences...”

The PTA at Tam Valley also thinks that treating people with fairness and kindness is of utmost importance, which is one reason we started a group focused on just that this year. We call it the “Social Justice, Inclusion and Diversity Committee.” These are some big words and can mean different things to different people. Which is why we need a little help from you explaining what these words- social justice, inclusion and diversity- mean to you.

On the other side of this paper you will find a picture that was drawn by a first grade parent, Lynsey Vera. We are super excited to let you in on the secret...she is going to paint a similar mural here at Tam Valley! We want Lynsey’s mural to be reflective of all our Tam Tigers thoughts and ideas so need your help! Our hope is:

1. You think about what social justice, inclusion and diversity mean to you. Then, talk about it with your family and friends.
2. Color the picture and make it unique by including words and phrases on the signs about what you think Tam Valley stands for!
3. Submit your picture and/or your thoughts to the google form (see QR Code below).

That’s it! If you plan to submit your thoughts, please fill out the google form by April 11th.

Have fun! We can’t wait to hear your thoughts!

Tam Valley PTA



(Scan to go to the Google Form)

