

MISSION OF THE MIAMI VALLEY STUDENT DIVERSITY COUNCIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our mission is to assemble a group of students with a passion to become key players in cultivating The Miami Valley School's philosophy on diversity and multiculturalism. As a community that values our diversity and our many identities, we acknowledge that there are (at least) five levels at which our diversity has been and will continue to be celebrated at MVS:

1. Holidays and Heroes: We make mention of cultural holidays and famous persons. This can involve special displays and presentations.
2. Food, Fashion and Fun: Events are planned to highlight different cultures, their food, music, and clothing, etc. These events can be fun and entertaining.
3. Single-Unit Studies: Courses, or major units within a course, are designed around themes of diversity, inclusions and exclusion. At this level information may be explored more deeply.
4. Integrating Multicultural Themes: At this level multicultural themes are incorporated into the entire middle school program.
5. Social Action: Participants apply their understanding of diversity to their activities within the greater community. This is the natural result of a heightened awareness of the value of all persons, however different from oneself. Opportunities are sought to better the lives of others through community service activities.
6. Communication: The student diversity council will seek to encourage meaningful dialogue on subjects pertaining to diversity, multiculturalism and inclusion. It will also be our goal to develop a school web page to highlight the uniqueness that is an integral part of The Miami Valley School. This council will also communicate important issues through announcements, visual displays and printed materials. Through the student diversity council, students will be encouraged to build relationships with underrepresented professionals in the community who will be partners and potential keynote speakers for The Miami Valley School

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