

Welcoming Schools

The King Open School will be using Welcoming Schools materials and curriculum to support our focus on Social Justice, to affirm the strength we have in our diversity as a community, and to offer more shared language and understanding around our shared values as a school.

Welcoming Schools was initiated by a group of parents and educators whose family structures were not well represented in media, curriculum, and environments. It is also a response to educators who expressed a need for more training and support in addressing complicated matters of diversity in age-appropriate ways. Welcoming Schools has a long history in Cambridge Public Schools and is piloted in many diverse districts nationwide.

At the King Open School we will hold monthly assemblies on the following themes related to social justice and diversity in our community, and two lessons related to the current month's theme will be taught in the classroom to ground these topics in our classrooms as well. We welcome your input and involvement in helping us bring these ideals to life in our school!

Month	Topic
September	What is a community? What is an ally?
October	Name calling and bullying
November	Our difference is our strength: diversity and origins
December	Being an inclusion school
January	Black history month, civil rights and racial justice
February	Family diversity in our school
March	Women's history month and gender stereotypes
April	Autism awareness
May	You(th) can make a difference! Youth empowerment
June	Service and giving back, celebrating our year