EPCS Community Discussion Groups
2013-2014

Parenting and Teaching with Gender in Mind
Co-Facilitators: Danni Ventre and Kim Beaulieu
What does it mean to nurture and educate boys? What does it mean to
nurture and educate girls? How do you define gender and how does
culture and society affect the way we see gender in children?

Diversity
Co-Facilitators: Daila Davila-Gonzalez and Joselyn Dennis
What special attention is required when raising children in a multi-lingual,
multi-racial and multi-cultural environment? How does diversity affect our
lives and what is unique about diversity and EPCS? This year the diversity
group might focus on language.

Topics in Special Education
Co-Facilitators: Chris Bucco and Kim Hernandez
Please join us to discuss issues surrounding children with special rights
and their families, friends and care-givers. We are hoping that you might
be interested in sharing your experiences and insight with other families
who also interact with children with special rights. We usually meet in the
evening once a month at a nearby restaurant for a relaxed evening of
sharing and discussion. In addition, we sponsor a couple of
speakers/events every year that are open to the broader community. We
are also in the process of building a webpage of helpful resources that
could be regularly updated with input from the EPCS community.

Healthy Living & Wellness
Co-Facilitators: David Robinson and Janel Apuna
How do we nurture both a mentally and physically healthy attitude in our
children and ourselves? The discussion may include topics such as
helping our children understand where food comes from and how the
choices we make can affect our well-being and our environment, using
mindful techniques in cultivating both mental and physical fitness, or may
evolve into sharing easy 30-minute nutritious recipes amongst families or
fitness routines for the whole family.
Alternative Schooling Options
Co-Facilitators: Anneli Hershman and Karen McArthur
Interested in exploring options for your child after EPCS other than conventional schools? This group will discuss and share resources on approaches like home schooling, alternative private schools (e.g. language immersion, Montessori, Waldorf, innovation institutes, etc.), unschooling, or other options identified by the group.

Topics on the Environment
Co-Facilitators: Heidi Given, Elisabeth Krautscheid and Samuel Milton
We will explore how to enhance outdoor and environmental curriculum at EPCS and how parents at home can teach our children about the environment and conservation. We may also discuss the idea of creating a Green Team to help EPCS implement their part of Tufts' new Sustainability Plan, addressing recycling, energy efficiency, no idling, etc., including the role such a team could play in environmental education at EPCS.

Sibling Rivalry/Sibling Dynamics
Co-Facilitators:
This group could be a book group based around the books, Siblings Without Rivalry or Beyond Sibling Rivalry, or other pertinent resources. It could also be an open discussion based on our experiences raising or being a sibling. Anyone raising or about to raise more than one child is welcome to join and contribute to the discussion about how to cope as parents, how to help your children resolve conflicts, when to intervene, and how to help each child address his/her needs and challenges.