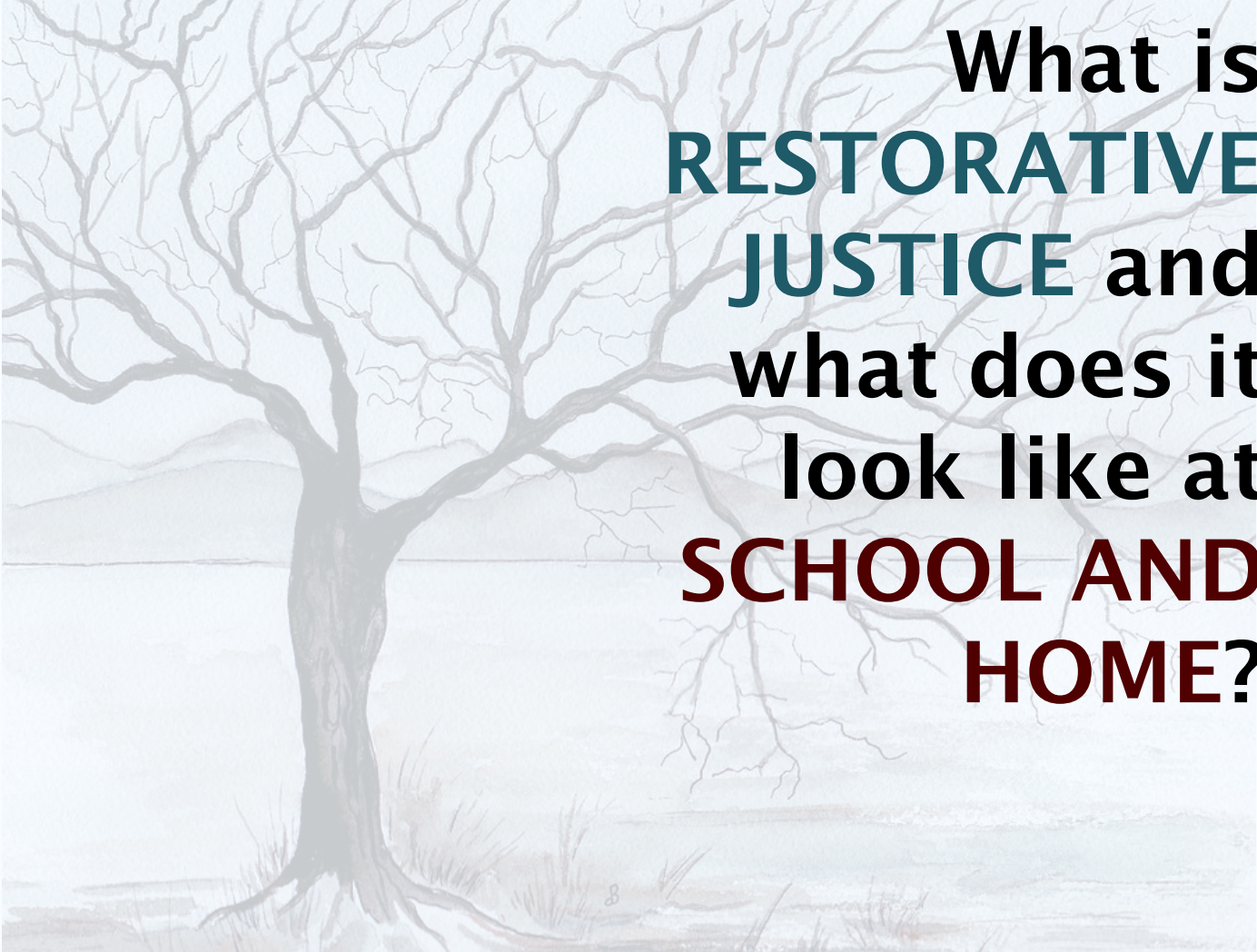


Counseling Corner



What is
**RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE** and
what does it
look like at
**SCHOOL AND
HOME?**

This year Luxmanor counseling program continues to work hard to implement state-wide restorative justice initiative for school communities– including parents and families.

Click here to attend our Parent RJ Intro Night at the upcoming next PTA meeting.



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Restorative Justice at Luxmanor ES

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice is a mindset and philosophy toward school climate and relationship building within our school system. It is a social justice platform that allows students to:

build strong relationships to feel a sense of connectedness and belonging within a community, actively engage and problem-solve various issues that affect their lives and the community at large and take accountability for their actions and work with those affected to restore the community and members who were harmed as a result of those actions.

Why Restorative Justice?

Maryland House Bill 725 requires all Maryland Public schools to implement and continuously monitor restorative approaches to student discipline. Restorative Approaches take a preventative and proactive approach to creating school communities that feel safe, caring and affirming.

What are the core values of Restorative Justice?

Building Community: Strengthen relationships and build community by encouraging a safe and caring school climate.

Self-Care: Reduce, prevent, and improve harmful behaviors.

Conflict Resolution: Increase accountability through identifying problems and solutions and restoring positive relationships.



MCPS RJ Specialist at Luxmanor ES for a restorative circle.



Bridge to Home: What does RJ look like at home?

Listening. Family dinners, car rides and neighborhood walks can all be opportunities to talk, listen, and build relationships within the family through shared interests.

As a trusted adult, you can:

- Support with acknowledging and accurately identifying emotions
- Identify underlying problems and work together to develop solutions
- Be reflective rather than reactive by using language about behaviors, not individuals.
- Ask questions: What happened? What were you thinking or feeling at the time? Who was affected or harmed? How can the harm be repaired? Learn more tips for active listening practices [here](#).

Learn More:

Send reflections about the RJ Initiative or share experiences with reflective listening with our [RJ Parent Pledge](#).

Join the [MCPS Parent Canvas Page](#) for more resources and district updates.

See RJ community circles [discussed](#) and [in action](#).