

Parkway Northwest High School for Peace and Social Justice

Frison Center for Peace Fellow

Parkway Northwest High School for Peace and Social Justice, a small Philadelphia public school of about 250 students, strives to develop successful young adults who are leaders for peace and social justice. The school is committed to building a small, tight-knit school community alongside the learning opportunities of a much larger school. Parkway Northwest wants its students to know they are being both challenged and supported every day to achieve their best selves.

As a school for peace and social justice, Parkway Northwest seeks to improve student participation in community service throughout their four years. The majority of students wait until their senior year to complete the required 120 hours of community service. The school also seeks to make huge strides in building youth leadership within the school itself.

Parkway Northwest plans to address these needs by strengthening its Frison Center for Peace as a hub for youth-focused community building. The Frison Center opened in March 2018 and it already is a working library and community center that every student and teacher utilizes. To enhance the effectiveness of the Center as space for youth empowerment, the Frison Center Fellow will collaborate with the school's Community Outreach Coordinator to integrate the big-picture community work of the Frison Center into the daily life of the school.

Focus Areas:

- Supporting school-community partnerships
 - Facilitate preexisting and new partnerships to open students to new experiences and deepen engagement with the school curriculum and mission of peace-making and social justice.
 - Coordinate of scheduling and student engagement with school programming
- Supporting student engagement with Frison Center for Peace library
 - Guide student interns in taking a leadership role in running the center.
 - Facilitate student use of the center's resources (e.g. technology, books, activities, meeting space, information about school programming and out-of-school opportunities and community service)
- Supporting school event planning
 - Work with Community Outreach Coordinator and partners to support school events. Annual events include International Day of Peace, Martin Luther King Day of Service, student-driven Push for Peace Day.
- Special focus chosen by the Fellow
 - Choose or design project(s) that will develop skills and experience of interest to you (e.g. building student focus groups to address authentic community needs, building the center as a school library, building the center as a hub for community gatherings, or supporting curriculum of social justice seminars).

Supervisor:

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Location:

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