OUR VISION

A world free from youth violence

SAN DIEGO SCHOOL PARTNERS:

- Sweetwater Union High School District
- San Diego Unified School District
- Escondido Union School District
- La Mesa/Spring Valley School District
- Oceanside School District

NATIONAL SCHOOL PARTNERS:

- Council Rock School District, Pennsylvania

SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM

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CREATING SAFER SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

LEARNING THROUGH FORGIVENESS, HOPE AND PEACE.

TKF’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Violence is real and hurts everyone
- Actions have consequences
- Youth can make good and nonviolent choices
- Youth can work toward forgiveness as opposed to seeking revenge
- Everyone deserves to be loved and treated well
- From conflict, love and unity are possible

TKF SAFE SCHOOL MODEL

Over 300 school partnerships and over 15 school districts served.

PEACEMAKER ASSEMBLIES
RESTORATIVE WORKSHOPS
PEACE EDUCATOR MENTORS
PARENTING WORKSHOPS
PEACE CLUBS
OUR STORY

The Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) was founded in 1995 after college student Tariq Khamisa was killed by a 14-year-old gang member, Tony Hicks. Tony was tried as an adult and sentenced to 25 years in prison. Tariq’s father, Azim Khamisa, felt this tragedy created victims on both ends of the gun. In an act of extraordinary grace and forgiveness, Azim reached out to Tony’s grandfather, Ples Felix. The two men came together in the spirit of healing to end youth violence.

TKF has connected with over 550,000 youth in communities across San Diego County since its founding. Changing the lives of young people by instilling hope and empowering them to make positive choices is what TKF stands for.

SERVING GRADES 5 THROUGH 9, REACHING OVER 12,000 CHILDREN ANNUALLY

PEACEMAKER ASSEMBLIES
This powerful 60-minute school presentation is centered on the TKF story and utilizes presenters, video and open discussion to provide schoolwide messages and strategies focused on understanding the impacts of violence while teaching kindness, conflict resolution and forgiveness.

RESTORATIVE WORKSHOPS
A social-emotional curriculum that teaches restorative practices, peace and forgiveness. It is built on tested instructional materials that meet educational standards for character building, social competency, healthy decision-making and personal safety. Our curriculum helps students develop social skills and sound reasoning abilities and advocates for collaborative behaviors. The workshops are facilitated in ten 45-minute classroom sessions.

PEACE EDUCATOR (MENTOR)
Specially-trained TKF staff are placed on school campuses to assist at-risk students. Our mentors connect with students several times a week. Activities include one-on-one mentoring, group activities, classroom monitoring and service projects. The goal is to improve academic performance, reduce school infractions and improve attendance. Interventions include advocacy, educational assistance, life skills and positive school engagement. Mentors create a campus presence centered on school safety and supporting the needs of students.

PEACE CLUBS
A Student Leadership and Service Program. TKF Peace Clubs are customized, extracurricular programming designed to encourage youth leadership. The program builds student advocacy and leadership skills through lessons in peace, understanding, cooperation and service. The clubs are facilitated in a small group format with curriculum based on school needs and student interests. The Clubs’ activities emphasize the educational strategies of achieving inner peace, building collaborative relationships, making a difference in school and community.

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The mission of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation is to create safer schools and communities through educating and inspiring children in the restorative principles of accountability, compassion, forgiveness, and peacemaking.