

Ahoy, Hawthorne School! This is **Laiba Abbasi, Grayson Abbruzzese, Samiya Khan, Madison Clay, and Isra Munshi** from Mrs. Nuñez's Pirate Crew with a few words of wisdom.

Today is our nation's Inauguration Day and our school's Winter Concert! It's actually amazing that these two events are happening on the same day!

Why, you might ask? What does swearing in our new president have to do with our Winter Concert?

Our Winter Concert is an important reminder that we must "**LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING!**"

The President of the United States is the leader of our country. He signs laws and works with other leaders to solve problems in the world. Although the President is powerful, he is *not* the *only* voice. We *all* have a voice.

Your views are unique to you. Your thoughtful voice is your gift, and you matter! When you own your voice and speak up, you can change things!

Many of us have learned about some important historymakers who weren't afraid to be the change, like Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Amelia Earhart, Nelson Mandela, and Malala. They changed history for us. Now, it's our turn to be the change! Let our lights shine!

So, how will you use *your* voice? Here's what our crew thinks!

- Share your opinions. The world would be boring if we all felt and thought the same way!
- Solve today's problems and make sure everyone is treated with respect!
- Defeat fear and hate with love and kindness. Use your voice to stand up for what's right!

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Don't be silent! Be brave and speak up for change! Challenge everyday thinking with genius ideas! Use your voice!

With something to think about, This is **Laiba Abbasi, Grayson Abbruzzese, Samiya Khan, Madison Clay, and Isra Munshi** from Mrs. Nuñez's Pirate Crew. Make your voice heard (or not)! The choice is yours! ARGH!

Words of Wisdom
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