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# We Have the Power in Our Hands

## Staff Editorial

Over the past few months, the CLC has been focusing on the differences within our school. Sometimes it's hard to always be our best selves, but we believe that we can do better as a community. And to be better we have some questions.

*Why do some feel the need to be the same?*

*Why do some make fun of kids who are different?*

*Why do some bond with one group of friends by making fun of someone outside of the group?*

According to Anthem Strong Families, not being open to the differences in others “tears at the worth and dignity of a human being which can unfortunately lead to senseless tragedy.” Not only does this affect the victim, but it also affects the person doing it. In this case nobody feels better. In fact, both feel worse, and nobody has an advantage from this. This leads us to another question.

*Why implement various acts when we can do a variety of kind things for our community?*

It's ok to have a bad day, but we need to think about how we treat one another. Our behavior and our actions represent all of us. Fortunately, every day we get a new opportunity to be our better selves. We can change how we feel with acts of kindness towards one another.

If you see something happening, say something. Instead of doing nothing to help and encouraging certain behaviors, stand up for what is right. In processing solutions, more questions surfaced.

*Why don't we hang out with someone who is excluded, because it would make that person and you both happy?*

*How would you feel if you were excluded?*

*Aren't we all different in our own ways?*

Whether we have the answers or not, the solution is simple. While some of us are very good at doing these acts of kindness to those that are different, we can all be better. It is important for us to keep in mind that being different is not a bad thing. Our diversity is a good thing. It's a strength. We are Cranbrook, a school full of diversity. Like the wings that welcome those who drive onto campus, we can rise to any challenge and ensure that every person gets to be who they are.

No matter who we are, we need to treat each other with respect. We are a community, and we should all be treated equally because our differences are what makes each of us special.

There will always be time for questions, and the answers lie within all of us, in what we say and what we do. We are the answer, and we can always be better. We have the power in our hands.