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## Theatre Teaches ACES Students about Social Issues and Bully Prevention

ACES teaches the whole child, by addressing the social and emotional needs, safety and behavior of its students. ACES 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades participated in a field trip to see the musical play “Sticks and Stones” about social issues, bullying, and the appropriate behavior both in person and online. The play is based on the real life experiences of adolescents. The importance of treating everyone as an equal and respecting others’ differences was emphasized. Students also discovered that witnessing anyone depreciate another without taking action to stop the bullying behavior still makes the observing student guilty. The show was followed by a question and answer session with the actress, who shared that the appropriate response to bullying behavior is to tell a responsible adult immediately about the situation.

