



March 2022,

Dear Serendipity Students, Families, and Staff Members,

We are all saddened about the conflict in Eastern Europe between Russia and Ukraine. We have students, families, and staff members from both Ukrainian and Russian descent. All are valued members of our community. Our hearts go out to anyone who is personally affected by the invasion of Ukraine or who is impacted by the trauma and instability of war.

At Serendipity Center, our mission is to provide an environment where students can heal and learn. We will support students, families, and staff members to the best of our ability to process the events unfolding in Europe. As this is a world event, many of our students will hear about the conflict in various ways. Please refer to the resources listed below to help navigate your conversations with students.

<https://childmind.org/article/helping-children-cope-frightening-news/>.

https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/how-to-talk-with-students-about-the-russia-ukraine-war-5-teaching-tips/2022/02?fbclid=IwAR1WBkKtmJ_6pEigVaZIAHjrc8ju5sukBCjK9x1tuKkgjFEMksCsupbWpgQ

Should families or students need additional support, please reach out to our Principal, Kevin Thompson or our Treatment Director, Jackie Trussell.

Thank you and be well,

Serendipity Management