

# Parenting and Advocating for a Child of a Different Racial Identity:

What a transracial adoptee wishes her parents knew about her experience in school and beyond

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7:00-9:00pm

Longfellow Elementary School Auditorium  
715 S. Highland Ave, Oak Park

Hosted by: Longfellow PTO Diversity Committee

**District 97 Vision:** Create a positive learning environment for all District 97 students that is equitable, inclusive, and focused on the whole child.

**District 97 Goal:** Every community member feels like a partner in supporting our schools and each and every student.

In this seminar, Karen will share the top 3 things she wishes her parents would have known while raising her. Karen will share her personal childhood experiences and provide additional resources for parents in order to help them continue their learning journey and support their families and community by fostering healthy racial identities.

*Karen Thomas is an educator at Hatch Elementary School in Oak Park District 97. As a biracial and transracial adoptee who grew up in Arlington Heights, she has had a strong desire to understand her place in the world. Over the last decade, Karen has researched racial identity and colorism in America and continues to have conversations around these topics.*



We welcome all community members to this informative seminar. Come and learn about effective ways to support our multiracial families and transracial adoptees. It takes a village to raise healthy, successful children!

**Childcare:** On-site childcare will be available to those who indicate a need when registering.

**Registration prior to the event is required.**

Register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/Likw4N0NIDQHU3k11>

Questions about this event? Please contact: [longfellow.diversity.committee@gmail.com](mailto:longfellow.diversity.committee@gmail.com)

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