

YOU WILL BE FOUND

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The breathtaking, generation-defining Broadway phenomenon *Dear Evan Hansen* becomes a soaring cinematic event this fall, as Tony, Grammy, and Emmy Award winner Ben Platt reprises his role as an anxious, isolated high schooler aching for understanding and belonging amid the chaos and cruelty of the social-media age. It's a story of longing to be *found* and discovering who you really are, set to some of the most uplifting music of our times.

Your child's class has been exploring the themes of *Dear Evan Hansen* with a free educational program made possible by Universal Pictures and the Child Mind Institute, and developed by the curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired. Tailored to high schoolers, the program is designed to encourage educators, students, and families to engage in meaningful discussions about issues raised by the film at school and home. While the film does contain some sensitive content, the program's classroom activities focus on its inspirational, inclusive elements to help students gain a better understanding of identity, others' perspectives, and acceptance, and learn skills and strategies to apply these concepts in their own lives to build supportive school communities.

As a family, you can reinforce and complement these lessons by discussing what your child has taken from the classroom activities and exploring together questions such as:

- Where and when do you feel like you most belong?
- How can you help others to feel that sense of belonging?
- What advice would you give to a teen who feels alone or different?
- What's unique about you? What do you see as unique about your family members?
- How does social media affect your day-to-day life? How can you use it to focus on messages that help you and your peers to feel supported?

About DEAR EVAN HANSEN

Evan Hansen (Tony, Grammy, and Emmy Award winner Ben Platt) is a lonely high school senior who suffers from an anxiety disorder and feels invisible to his fellow classmates. But when Connor Murphy (Colton Ryan, *Little Voice*), a volatile loner in Evan's class, takes his own life, a letter found among the boy's things leads Connor's parents to believe that Evan was their son's best friend. Evan, wanting not to hurt them further, doesn't reveal the truth — that he and Connor barely knew each other, and that Connor had no friends.

What begins as a lie of compassion soon spirals out of control and Evan, suddenly offered everything he ever hoped for, struggles for the courage to tell the truth and to be seen, and loved, for who he truly is. The film is rated PG-13 and arrives in theaters September 24, 2021.



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