## GRAND VALLEY HATHA YOGA



# YOGA SELF COMPASSION, MINDFULNESS GRATITUDE

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LUNCH WELLNESS TALK



LUTHER LAKE CONSERVATION
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### TALK OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION - LAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REVIEW OF YOGA FOR

**EMOTIONAL BALANCE** 

**MINDFULNESS** 

SELF COMPASSION & MSC

RESEARCH INTRO & SOURCES

GRATITUDE

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA PRACTICE

& MSC MEDITATION

#### WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

WE [I] WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM IN GRAND VALLEY EAST LUTHER, THE LAND NEAR THE GRAND RIVER, THE UNCEDED LAND PROMISED TO THE HAUDENOSAUNEE PEOPLE OF SIX NATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES SIX MILES ON EACH SIDE OF THE GRAND RIVER. THIS TERRITORY IS THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE NEUTRAL, ANISHNAABEG, AND HAUDENOSAUNEE {HOE DAY NA SHUNAY)PEOPLES.

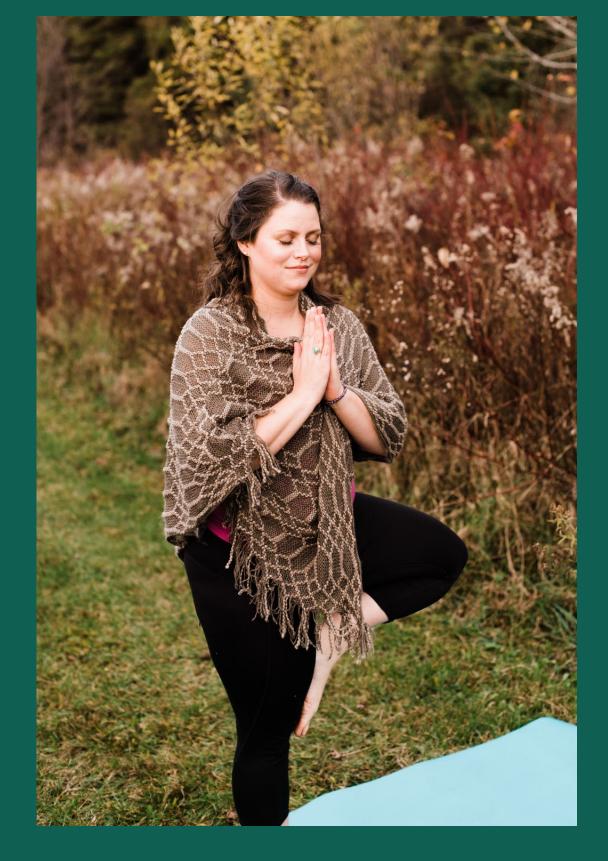


PHOTO TAKEN AT LUTHER LAKE

CONSERVATION
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## MISSION

MY MISSION IS TO CREATE SERENE, SAFE, AND WELCOMING SPACE WHERE STUDENTS CAN EXPLORE THEIR YOGA PRACTICE. WE WORK TO CREATE PEACE IN OUR WORLD, COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES BY FIRST CREATING PEACE WITHIN OURSELVES.

YOU CANNOT POUR FROM AN EMPTY CUP

#### SELFCARE IS NOT SELFISH



#### REVIEW PARASYMPATHETIC & SYPAHETIC

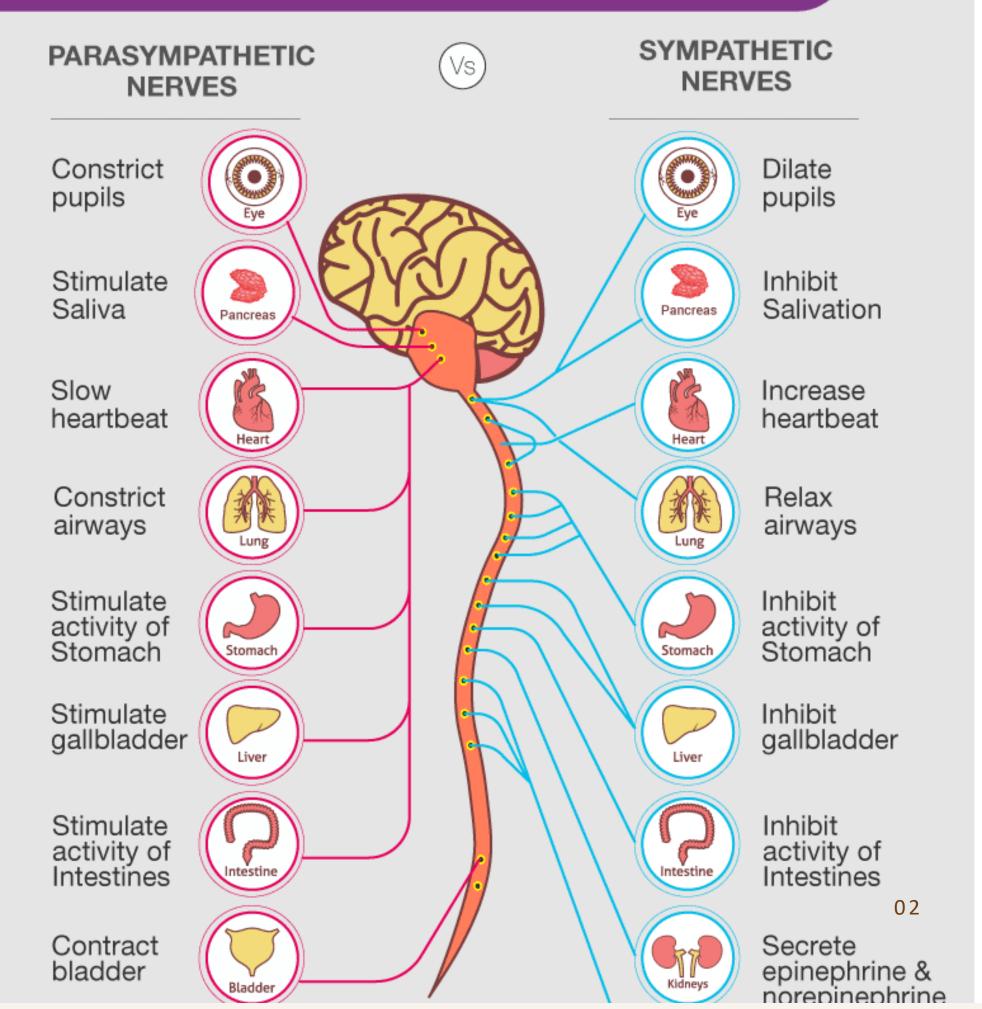
**BODY STRESS RESPONSES** 

THE HUMAN FUNCTION CURVE

J.M. KOOLMAS ET AL `STRESS REVISITED: A CRITICAL EVALUATION OF THE SRESS CONCEPT`

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SYMPATHETIC AND PARASYMPATHETIC

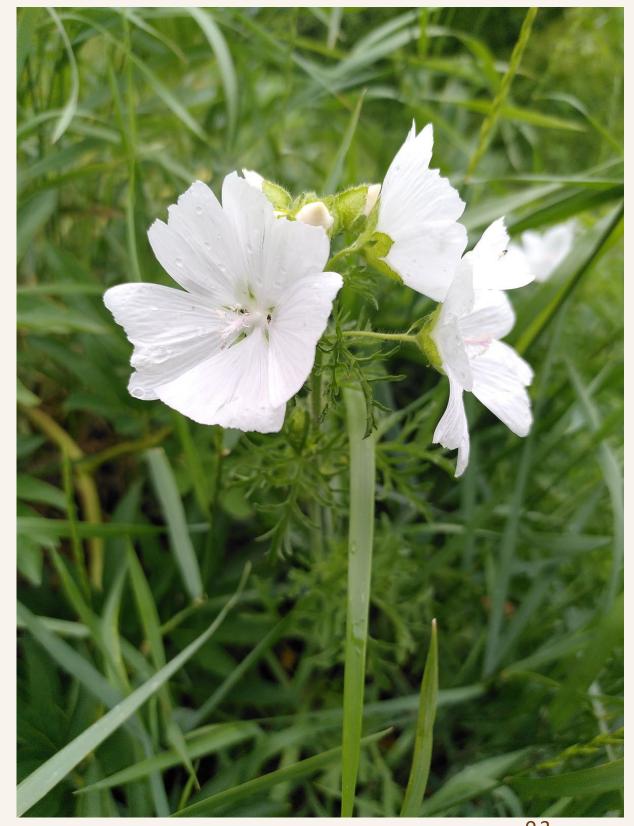


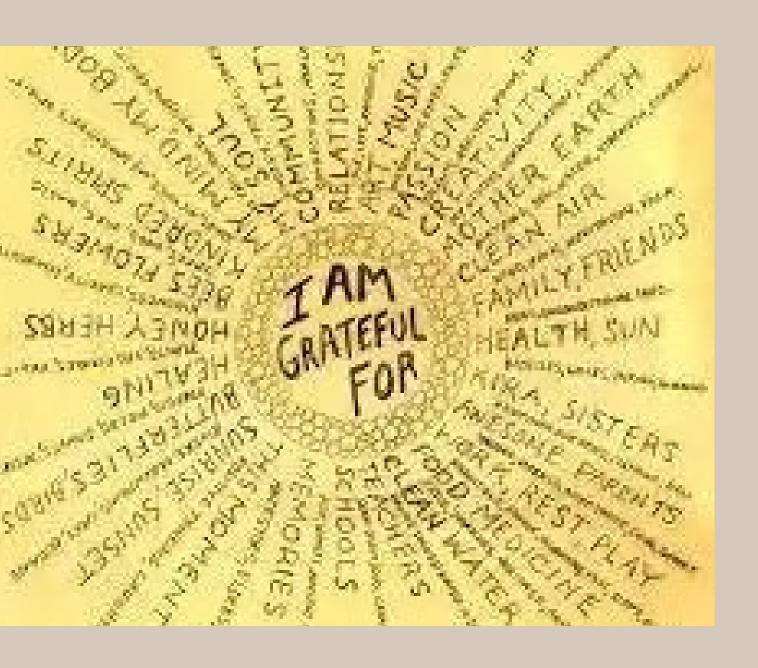


#### MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness is being aware of what's going on in the present moment. For kids, as well as adults, it helps focus attention, improve self-regulation (impulsivity and decision making) build resiliency to stress, and develop a positive mindset.

"With mindfulness, we can preserve our inner joy, so that we can better handle the challenges in our lives. We can create a foundation of freedom, space, and love within ourselves." Thich Nhat Hanh





## GRATITUDE

IN POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH, GRATITUDE IS STRONGLY AND CONSISTENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH GREATER HAPPINESS. GRATITUDE HELPS PEOPLE FEEL MORE POSITIVE EMOTIONS, RELISH GOOD EXPERIENCES, IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH, DEAL WITH ADVERSITY, AND BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS.

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR

### MINDFULNESS SELF COMPASSION

FIERCE SELF COMPASSION KRISTIN NEFF PHD.

TOOLS OF SELF COMPASSION

YIN & YANG

'In order to alleviate suffering, we have to take our needs seriously and value ourselves enough to meet them.

INNER CRITIC VS FRIEND

INCLUDING OURSELVES IN OUR CIRCLE OF COMPASSION

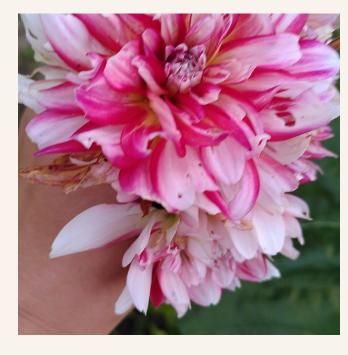
### GRATITUCE MEDIATION













I AM WORTHY AS I AM

I AM ENOUGH AS I AM

I LOVE MYSELF, RESPECT

MYSELF EXACTLY AS I AM

I AM BRAVE

I AM SAFE

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