

## Scenic Elementary

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## October 2019



### Kindness & Empathy

This month's Social Emotional Learning Theme is Kindness and Empathy. While kindness is easy to recognize, empathy is something that is a little more complicated. Yet, being able to empathize is a unique human characteristic. Also, it is the heart of what it means to be human. It's a foundation for acting ethically, for good relationships of many kinds, for loving well, and for professional success. And it's key to preventing bullying and many other forms of cruelty.

Empathy begins with the ability to take another perspective, to walk in another's shoes, however, it is not just the ability to take another's perspective. Salespeople, politicians, actors and marketers are often very skilled at taking other perspectives, but they may not care about others. Con men take other perspectives so they can exploit people's weaknesses. Empathy includes valuing other perspectives and people. It's about perspective-taking and compassion. Below are five ways to help develop empathy in young people.

1. Empathize with your child and model empathy for others.
2. Make caring for others a priority and set high ethical expectations.

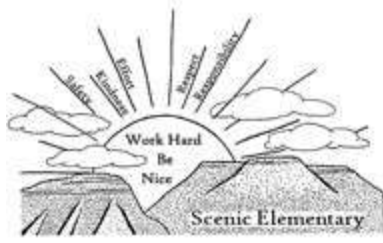
3. Provide opportunities for children to practice empathy.
4. Expand your child's circle of concern.
5. Help children develop self-control and manage feelings effectively.

Of the five expanding our circle of concern is one that is one of the most difficult. In many instances, our circle of concern is primarily our family and friends. It is more difficult to show empathy for those who are different from us, but if we want children to be more empathetic, we need to model showing concern or caring for those who look, speak or learn differently from us.

### October Calendar & Upcoming Events

- October 1st - Kinder and 1st Grade Vision & Hearing Screening 9:00 am
- October 2nd - Picture Day
- October 2nd - Walk to School Day (Meet at Duck Pond Park at 8:00 am)
- October 4th - Walk-A-Thon 9:30-11:30 am Connected Lakes
- October 7th - PTO Meeting 4:15 pm Library
- October 7th - Parent/Teacher Time Letters Sent Home to Parents
- October 9th - Kinder, 1st & 2nd Grades - Studt's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze 9:30-11:45 am
- October 10th - 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades - Studt's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze 9:30-12:15 pm
- October 11th - End of First Quarter
- October 14th, 15th and 16th - No School
- October 16th - Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. (Book Fair in Library 8-4)
- October 17th - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm (Book Fair in Library 4-8)
- October 21st - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm (Book Fair in Library 4-8)
- October 28th - 2nd T-shirt Order Forms Go Out
- October 29th - 5th Grade to Young Ameritowne 9:30-2:30 pm
- October 31st - Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat 2:50-3:50 pm in the staff parking lot

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### PTO Walk-A-Thon

The Walk-A-Thon is on Friday, October 4th from 9:30-11:30 am at Connected Lakes State Park. This fundraiser is one of our primary fundraising events for our school and helps support our reading aides in the classroom. This year we raised just over \$16,000. If you would like to join us, please meet us behind Safeway by Chow Down. Students will walk from that parking lot to Connected Lakes State Park. The school buses will pick up students at the Ranger Station, but parents will have to walk back to the Safeway parking lot. Unfortunately, we do not have enough room on the buses for parents. Parents are welcome to park at the State Park, but they will have to pay an entrance fee.

### Picture Day

Picture Day is Wednesday, October 2nd. Envelopes went home Monday, September 30th. You can Pre-Order Online at [www.mymjthomas.com](http://www.mymjthomas.com) and enter Event Password: C577

### PTO Meeting

Come one, come all! Please come to join us on Monday, October, 7th @ 4:15 for our PTO meeting. We would love to get as many parents as possible involved in our Parent/Teacher Organization. If this is not a good time for you, please e-mail Jami Fletcher, PTO President, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns.

[scenicpto@gmail.com](mailto:scenicpto@gmail.com)

### Back-to-School BBQ

Thank you to our PTO and all of the volunteers who helped make our 50th Anniversary Back to School BBQ a success. Your hard work and time does not go unnoticed!

### Walk to School Day

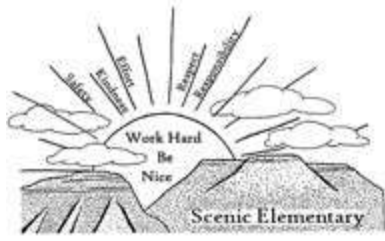
Wednesday, October 2nd is walk to school day. We will be meeting at the Duck Pond Park in the Ridges neighborhood at 8:00 AM and will walk to Scenic. The distance is a little over one mile. Parents are more than welcome to walk with us. Unfortunately, Mr. Alexander will not be able to accompany students back to the Duck Pond after school, so students will need to be picked up or take the bus home.

### Lexia Lab in the Morning

We have started our morning Lexia Reading Program in our computer lab. If your child is on a READ plan, and is in kindergarten through 3rd grade, they will receive a letter this week inviting them to join us in the morning from 8:00 - 8:50 am. Our lab is open Monday through Friday. We will also have the computer lab open on Friday afternoons from 2:00 - 3:00 pm.

### Fill Dirt

We are looking for fill dirt for our kickball/softball field. Currently, our bases are pools of water and our pitching mound is a little pond. If you have fill dirt or know someone who would like to donate it our students would be very appreciative.



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### Wagon

We are in need of a larger sized wagon to hold our playground equipment that the kids can wheel in and out to morning and afternoon recess. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Kris Biggs in the office at 254-6370. Thank you very much!

### Composting & Recycling

Mr. Alexander has been approached by several students in fifth and second grade about starting a more comprehensive recycling program at Scenic. In addition, we have also been given the green light by our Nutrition Services Department to start composting leftover waste from our cafeteria. The compost will help Scenic to start a small school garden in the spring. If you have any chicken wire or similar fencing or old two-by-fours that you would like to donate to help with composting, we would be very grateful.

### Trunk-or-Treat

This year will be our second annual Trunk-or-Treat at Scenic. Last year was our first Trunk-or-Treat, and it was a resounding success. The Trunk-or-Treat will be on October 31st from 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM. If you are interested in being a part of the program please RSVP with Mrs. Biggs in the front office. We are also asking each student or family to donate one bag of candy for this event. This year students will be allowed to wear costumes. Below are some rules regarding the wearing of costumes:

- Costumes must be in in a bag and stay in the bag for the majority of the day.
- Costumes must be simple to wear.
- No hair spray.
- Teachers cannot be expected to help paint faces, hair, etc.
- No gory or bloody costumes.
- **No fake weapons** (it's against D51 school board policy).