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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 uniquely 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. 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.

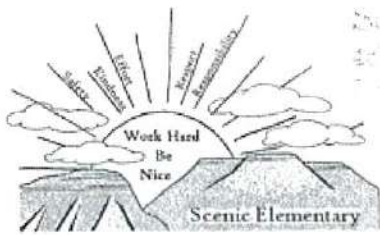
Of the five, expanding our circle of concern is one that is one of the most difficult. In many instances, our circle of concern is primarily our family and friends. It is more difficult to show empathy for those who are different from us, but if we want children to be more empathetic, we need to model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

October Calendar & Upcoming Events

October 6th - Walk to School Day (Meet at Duck Pond Park at 8:00 am)
 October 6th - Running Club - 8:00 am
 October 8th - Walk-A-Thon - 9:30-11:30 am
 Connected Lakes
 October 11th - PTO Meeting 4:30 pm Library
 October 12th - Kinder, 1st & 2nd Grades - Studt's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze 9:30-11:45 am
 October 13th - Running Club - 8:00 am
 October 13th - 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades - Studt's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze 9:30-12:15 pm
 October 13th - End of First Quarter
 October 14th - No School, Teacher Workday
 October 15th - No School, Teacher In-Service
 October 18th - October 22nd - Book Fair in the Library
 October 20th - Running Club - 8:00 am
 October 22nd - Running Club Celebration at 8:00 am in the gym
 October 25th - 2nd T-shirt Order Forms Go Home
 October 29th - WHBN Awards and Flagpole Ceremony at 8:50 am
 October 29th - Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat - 12:30-1:45 pm in the staff parking lot
 October 31st - Halloween

Lexia Lab in the Morning

We have started our morning Lexia Reading Program in our computer lab from 8:00 - 8:50 am. Our lab is open Monday through Friday.



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Morning Drop Off

Please remember that students cannot be dropped off before 8:35 in the morning. If your child is going to eat breakfast in the cafeteria, they can be dropped off at 8:25, but they have to eat in the cafeteria. If your child was recommended to go to the Lexia Lab by their teacher, they can go to the computer lab at 8:00. We do not have any supervision outside before 8:35. Thank you!

PTO Walk-A-Thon

The Walk-A-Thon is on Friday, October 8th 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 over \$17,000. We ended up with 58% participation, and Miss Grim's class came in first place with 75% participation. If you would like to join us, please meet us behind Safeway by Chow Down a little after 9:30 am. 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.

PTO Meeting

Come one, come all! Please come to join us on Monday, October, 11th @ 4:30 pm in the library 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 email Alicia Mabrey, PTO President, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns.

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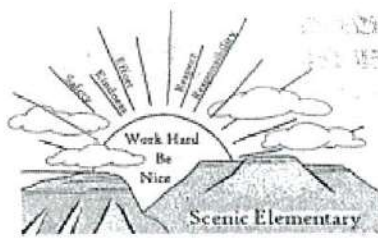
Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 6th 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.

Trunk-or-Treat

This year we will once again be having Trunk-or-Treat at Scenic. Trunk-or-Treat will be on October 29th from 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM. If you are interested in being a part of the program (decorating your car/trunk and handing out candy) 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. Students will be allowed to wear costumes. Please send your child/children to school in their costumes. They will wear their costumes all day. With that being said, they must be in a costume that they can sit at their desk in comfortably and wear all day (no blow up costumes). Below are some rules regarding the wearing of costumes:

- No face paint.
- Costumes MUST NOT interfere with learning throughout the day.
- Costumes must be simple and easy to wear.
- No hair spray cans or bottles.
- No gory or bloody costumes.
- No props, for example, swords or knives or wands, etc...
- **No fake weapons** (it's against D51 school board policy).



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Back-to-School BBQ

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