



# Kiel/Sisco School News

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*Welcome to Mr. Kane's Curriculum Corner!*

*We have a lot of exciting instructional initiatives underway at Kiel/Sisco and Stonybrook Schools. Our primary initiative for this school year is the implementation of the "Words Their Way" spelling/word study program in Grades 1-5. This differentiated, hands-on program will help our students enhance their spelling and vocabulary skills. I will be hosting "Words Their Way" Parent Academies on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> (7:00 p.m.) and Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m.) at Stonybrook School. Come on out and learn about this new spelling/word study program!*

**Bill Kane**  
Supervisor of Elementary Education

*Sincere thanks to Mrs. Sona Santagato, teachers and class parents for creating our Pinwheels for Peace with our students. The children truly lit up when they watched their pinwheels whirl during the week of September 21st.*



## Halloween Safety

Sergeant Joe will be here on October 22nd to talk with the children about Halloween Safety and strangers. Be sure your child knows his/her correct address and phone number. Talk with them about stranger awareness. As you plan for Halloween, we are asking you to please take advantage of this teachable moment and place an emphasis on "Positive Characters." **We strongly encourage Positive Character Costumes. Weapons and any items related to violence will not be permitted.** Thank you so much for your cooperation.



## A Note From the Principal Character Counts

October's Character Trait:

### Responsibility

Being accountable for what we say and do. Having a sense of duty to fulfill tasks with reliability, punctuality, dependability, and commitment.

Some suggested books showing good examples of this month's character trait:

- Barbara Hazen. **Growing up is Hard Sometimes**
- Judy Delton. **Best Mom in the World**
- Elizabeth Sutton. **Pony Champions**
- William Joyce. **Bently and Egg**
- E.B. White. **Trumpet of the Swan**
- Jane Moncure. **Honesty**
- D. Lattimore. **Dragon's Robe**
- Hans C. Anderson. **Emperor's New Clothes**
- Nina Bawder. **Hamburg**

## Kids Learn About Healthy Choices

This year we will continue the *Health and Wellness* program that was introduced during the enrichment periods last year. The goal of the Kiel/Sisco Health and Wellness program is to instill the knowledge of making healthy choices in regards to personal health and nutrition. Along with the knowledge learned in the classroom, students will have the ability to put the knowledge to practice when choosing lunch and snacks in the cafeteria. Beyond the school setting, the students will help families make healthier choices in all of their meals and snacks.

### The Leader in Me

This year we will be introducing our students to the "7 Habits Tree" which is based on Stephen Covey's work. Our overall goal is to enable our Kiel/Sisco students to develop leadership abilities, understand ethical behavior, and be able to adapt to change. We began with 16 of our second grade students serving as Meeters and Greeters at Back to School Night. They were so excited about this opportunity and we were truly proud of who they are as young people. Please join us as "We honor the greatness in every student, building character, building leaders, one child at a time."

## Coffee & Conversation with the Principal

**Monday, Oct. 19, 9:35 a.m.**

**Art Room**

**Topic – Volunteering**

Parent Volunteers are an integral part of the educational process. Volunteering gives parents the opportunity to contribute to their child's education and work with the school to provide the highest quality education for their children. If you plan on helping out at Kiel/Sisco School please attend this important morning which will highlight:

- Importance of dependability
- Importance of professionalism
- Importance of confidentiality
- Importance of following directions and asking questions
- Importance of the proper use of the equipment
- Importance of being supportive

We appreciate your support and thank you for working positively for the good of the school.

## VISITATION DAY

*Thursday, October 15th*

**Grades K, 1, 2:** 9:40 - 11:10 am

**Jr.Kdg AM:** 9:30 - 11:00 am

**Jr.Kdg PM:** 1:45 - 3:00 pm

**PreK AM:** 10:45 - 11:45 am

**PreK PM:** 1:30 - 2:30 pm

## *Sincere Thanks!*

*Sincere Thanks to all who attended our Back-to-School Night.*

*It is truly a joy to watch our parents learn about their child's day, meet their child's teacher and interact with each other. Please remember to return the bottom portion of the Code of Conduct by Oct. 2nd, which tells us that you as parents have reviewed the Code with your child.*

*Orders are still being accepted for the books that were discussed at Back to School Night. "The Leader in Me" and "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids". Order forms are available from the office.*

**Parent Conferences-November 2, 3 and 4  
Early Dismissal**

**No Lunch Served—No KED  
Dismissal Schedule:**

11:35-Kindergarten, 11:50-Pre-School,  
12:05-Jr. Kdg, 1:35-1st and 2nd grade

**Nov. 5 and 6 - School Closed**

For NJEA Convention