

Kiel/Sisco School News

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Happy Valentine's Day

This is truly my favorite holiday both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. I love to watch the children's faces as they open up a kind message from one of their friends.



100th Day Project

In conjunction with Acts of Kindness Month and our Character Education Trait

Caring" (December's Trait), students will be celebrating the 100th day of school on February 11th by bringing in 100 cents (in any combination of coins or a dollar bill) and wearing red, white & blue. All money collected will then be donated to The Red Cross in their effort to help the people of Haiti in their recovery from the terrible disaster. The Kiel/Sisco staff will be taking this opportunity to contribute as well by making a donation and wearing red, white & blue. If you wish to participate in our school-wide project, checks may be payable to the American Red Cross of Northern NJ.

Bus Safety

We wish to recognize the students on the Red Apple bus for their exemplary behavior during their bus ride! Our goal is to have every bus receive this commendation!



Kiel/Sisco School has started a school-wide initiative to improve student behavior on the bus thereby creating a safe environment. Our District Transportation Coordinator has been visiting each classroom and speaking to our students about the serious nature of this matter. Our bus drivers have been instructed to issue Bus Incident Reports for any students not behaving on the bus. Students receiving three notices will be removed from riding the bus for a period of one school week.

Character Trait of the Month: **Honesty**
Telling the truth, admitting wrongdoing. Being trustworthy and acting with integrity. The following books are good examples of honest:

- Anderson, Hans C. **Emperor's New Clothes**
- Avi **Nothing But the Truth**
- Bawder, Nina **Hamburg**
- Bunting, Eve **A Day's Work**
- Choroao, Kay **Molly's Lies**
- Collodi, Carlo **Pinocchio**
- Moncure, Jane **Honesty**
- Weinman, Marjorie **A Big Fat Enormous Lie**

A Life long tip

Showing appreciation for the kind things that are done

There are times when expressing gratitude can seem like a lost art. Please encourage your children to say "Thank You", write a Thank You Note and do something kind in return when a good deed is done for them. It will truly reward them forever.

Welcome to Mr. Kane's Curriculum Corner!
 On Tuesday, January 26th, we hosted visitors from the school district of the Chatham and Ringwood Public Schools to observe examples of our writing workshop. Our visitors were extremely impressed with the instruction and collaboration of our teachers and the great writing work of our students. Kudos to our teachers and students for representing Kiel/Sisco and Stonybrook Schools in fine fashion! Save the date – Our 2nd Annual Family Science Night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th. Look for information on this fun and learning-filled evening to come out shortly. I wish everyone a fabulous February!

Bill Kane, Supervisor of Elementary Education

Did you know?

~About 1 in every 2.5 women who die, die of heart disease.
 ~Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women over 25.
 ~Cardiovascular disease ranks as the No. 3 cause of death for children under the age of 15. The American Heart Association has designated Friday, February 5th - Go Red for Women Friday. The staff of the Kiel/Sisco Schools will be wearing red for the day and all donations will be sent to the American Heart Association. Show your support by wearing red for the day!

Acts of Kindness



Random Acts of Kindness will be celebrated in Kiel School during the month of February. Our hope and desire is that the students continue to model kindness each and every day of their lives. As I have said many times before, children learn what they live. What they see modeled in their everyday lives by the adults and children around them are what they will believe is the correct way. The following list includes a list of behaviors we call "acts of kindness" toward others. Please discuss these items with your child. Applaud them for the ones they do on a regular basis and encourage them to try some of the others.

- Respect other's rights and property
- Share your things with others
- Make others feel better when they are hurt or sad
- Make fighting a non-possibility; remember, Kiel School is a "Hands Off" school.
- Play with a new student at Kiel School and help him/her make a friend so he/she won't feel lonely.
- Pass out compliments
- Play with left-out classmates
- Be quiet in class so others can concentrate
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated
- Be polite and listen when someone is telling you something
- Hold the door for people whose hands are full
- Give someone the ball if you get it in P.E.
- Hold a younger student's hand when walking to and from school.

Nothing makes me smile more than watching a student reach out to another in a helping manner or hearing a student respond "you too have a nice day" to an adult who has just offered them that same greeting. As the Principal of this caring school, I will be on the lookout for children who are truly kind. The teachers will also be recognizing kindness in their classrooms in various ways.

Some Ways to Say "I Love You"

Pin a paper heart to your kids' pillows with a treat.

Give them a big hug when they least expect it!

Have "our kids are the greatest" night. Let them pick dinner and games to play. Whisper how much you love them before they fall asleep.

