



## KIEL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We are proud to announce that the Life Skills Class at Pearl R. Miller Middle School, will be gifting Kiel Elementary School with a Buddy Bench! A Buddy Bench is a place where students can sit when they are feeling lonely on the playground. The middle school students visited each classroom on October 29, 2015 to teach the students of Kiel how to effectively use the Buddy Bench.

The purpose of the bench is to provide students a safe place to sit if they feel they have no one to interact with on the playground. On the other hand, students can also sit there if they simply want to meet more students! Students will be encouraged to invite classmates sitting on the bench to join in their activity. This helps students understand empathy and kindness, while boosting their peer's self-esteem.

Please encourage every child to include those that sit on the Buddy Bench, and also encourage them to sit on the bench to meet new friends as well! Our district takes pride in following our Full Values, and we can uphold those values by including others and accepting new friendships whenever possible.

The Pearl R. Miller Middle School students are excited to share this legacy with the students of Kiel School for years to come. Your continued support is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Buddy Bench Team

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