

HARBOR HILL SCHOOL

“Celebrating Children”

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What a wonderful start to the school year! September was filled with learning school routines and making new friends. We also participated in an amazing Book Fair, Game Night and Homecoming Celebration. As we begin the second month of school, we hope to continue our enthusiasm for learning and would like to share with you some information that would be helpful to you in preparation for various upcoming events.

First, our Book of the Month is Kindness Counts by Bryan Smith. The story centers around a boy who learns the importance of showing kindness to others. He also learns ways to show random acts of kindness and learns how showing kindness to others makes you feel really good as well.

Second, the week of October 22nd celebrates National Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme is Life is A Journey, Travel Mindfully. During the week, students will be reminded to make healthy choices not only physically but also social and emotionally. This week will kick-off our Creating a Culture of Kindness Initiative through the No Place for Hate Program. Students will learn ways to show Random Acts of Kindness to others and we will document these actions through certificates, stickers and by passing along "Pay-It-Forward" bracelets. Look out for specific directions on this program during the week. In keeping with our theme, we will celebrate Unity Day by wearing orange on Wednesday, October 24th and students will also get a chance to Mix-It-Up and to sit next to someone new during the lunch periods.

Third, come and support our fifth graders at the 5th Grade Car Wash on Friday, October 12th from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Next, **Photo Day is Friday, October 26th**. Group photos for the yearbook, such as orchestra, chorus and band will take place on photo make-up day, which is on November 30th.

The following week is Halloween! On Tuesday, October 31st, students may wear orange and /or black. Similar to the other elementary schools, students will not wear costumes to school.

Lastly, and something that we are very excited about is that we are going to have our second annual Veteran's Day sing along on Thursday, November 8th. Our first and second graders have been learning various Patriotic songs that they will sing to their fellow students before the early dismissal. Since we would like to celebrate the contributions of our veterans, if you or someone in your family is a veteran, we would like to invite you to our celebration. Please email Mary Wood at mwood@roslynschools.org if you or a relative can join us. Please indicate in the subject-Veteran's Day.

We are very excited and fortunate to be celebrating so many wonderful events at Harbor Hill. We truly enjoy being part of the learning of our students, not only academically, but socially and emotionally. Through these events, we strive to teach the whole child and help them to become better little people for our world.