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Happy Fall, Everyone!

What a busy, but fun-filled month we had making the transition back to school.

Last month, I was able to meet with each class to help them learn all about respect, and students were certainly working hard to practice that trait each day. Last Friday, we had our September Student of the Month Assembly to celebrating students' accomplishments for the month.

Students have also been working hard to earn Dojo points! We had many students earn over 100 points in just one month. Don't forget to check your student's report on ClassDojo to see what they have earned points for.

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week at OEEs October 23rd through the 27th.

What Is Red Ribbon Week? "It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, October 23 - 31st. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug-free America" (Red Ribbon Campaign, 2023). To learn more visit: redribbon.org

What's In This Month's Issue?

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Character Trait of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY

This month we are talking about Responsibility.

One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices."

Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned.

Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong. Across grade levels students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

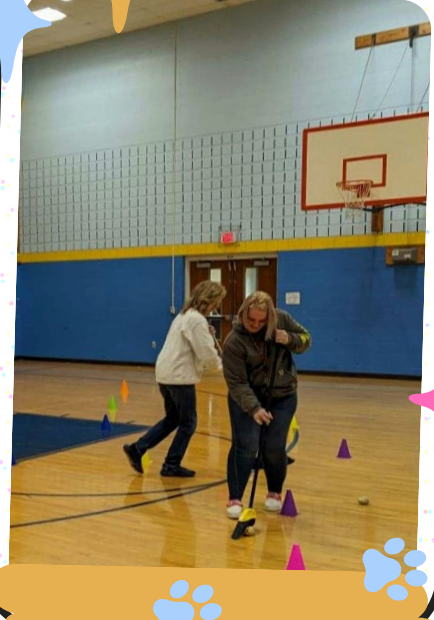
September Students of the Month

The following students were chosen as Student of the Month in their classroom for showcasing their outstanding character by displaying continued acts of respect.

Kindergarten: **Maddison Auman & Signe NanNette**
1st Grade: **Kole Breese & Katrina Skok**
2nd Grade: **Aspen Jones & Rae Chernish**
3rd Grade: **Lakin Ray & Analyse Akers**
4th Grade: **Jacoby Ray, Brennan Miles, & Sophia Baker**
5th Grade: **Emma Kelley & Ethan Stiles**
6th Grade: **Garrett Fitch & Camren Haskins**

In addition to Student of the Month, many other students were nominated as "Terrorific Students". These students were noticed by faculty and staff for going above and beyond to show respect last month.

Lastly, we recognized students in each grade level as ClassDojo Point Champions. These students had the most points in their grade level, or the whole school, for the month of September. Congratulations to...
Garrett Breese, Carter Crum, Natasha Neureiter-Hess, Kemp Burris, Maddon Splain, Ethan Stiles, Isabella Sheetz, and our overall winner: Rainey Conner



RESPONSIBILITY Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what it means to be Responsible?
- How can we help each other practice being more Responsible?

RESPONSIBILITY PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Responsibility. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

1

As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with 1 of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage to the chute or out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?

2

Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices. Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it's washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries – whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!

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