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Respecting Differences

Our Social Emotional Learning theme for this month is Respect, and in particular, respecting difference. There are many differences in our world today. We live in a society where people have different backgrounds, cultures, religions, opinions, families and learning styles. It is essential that we help children to understand the importance of respecting differences. Below are some suggestions from the authors Dora Pulido-Tobiassen and Janet Gonzalez-Mena:

- Respond to children's questions about differences even if you're not sure what to say.
- Remember that children's questions and comments are a way for them to gather information about aspects of their identity.
- Model the behaviors and attitudes you want your children to develop. Pay attention to situations that can either promote prejudice or inhibit a child's openness to diversity.
- Create opportunities for children to interact and make friends with people who are different from them.
- Teach children to be critical thinkers specifically around prejudice and discrimination.

Together we can help our children respect the differences that are a part of our world.

October Calendar & Upcoming Events

October 2nd - Picture Day

October 3rd - Walk-A-Thon 9-11, Connected Lakes

October 10th - Walk to School Day

October 12th - Kinder & 1st Vision & Hearing Screening

October 12th - 2nd Grade Wizard of Oz Avalon

October 15th - No School Teacher Work Day

October 17th - Kinder-2nd Studts Pumpkin Patch 9:00-11:45

October 18th - 3-5 Grade Studt's Pumpkin Patch 9-12:30

October 22nd - Parent Teacher Conf. 12-8 (Book Fair in Library 12-8)

October 23rd - Parent Teacher Conf. 8-4 (Book Fair in Library 8-4)

October 29th - No School Teacher In Service

October 30th - Grandparent's Day Res. Letters Go Home

October 30th - 2nd T-Shirt order goes out

October 31st - Halloween Parties 1 - 1:50

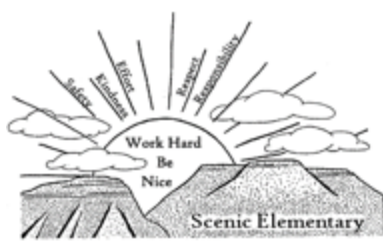
**This Month's WHBN Theme:
Respect**

PTO Walk-a-thon

The Walkathon is on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, from 9-11 at Connected Lakes State Park.

This fundraiser is one of our primary fundraising events for our school and helps support our reading aides in the classroom. This year we raised \$17,000. If you would like to join us, please meet us behind Safeway by Chow Down. Students will walk from that parking lot to Connected Lakes State Park. The school busses will pick up students at the Ranger Station, but parents will have to walk back to the Safeway parking lot.

Unfortunately, we do not have enough room on the busses for parents. Parents are



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welcome to park at the State Park, but they will have to pay an entrance fee.

Bad Weather: There is a good possibility for rain on Wednesday. Please have your child come prepared with rain jackets and umbrellas. We will plan on going if there is a drizzle but if it is much heavier, we will cancel with no rescheduling. We will make that call early Wednesday morning!

Picture Day

Picture Day is Tuesday, October 2nd. Envelopes will go home Monday, October 1st. You can Pre-Order Online at www.mymjthomas.com and enter: Event Passcode:C577

Pick up and Drop off

We are trying to improve the traffic flow during our student pick-up and drop off times at Scenic by creating an additional pick-up area. This new area will be reserved for students in grades 3 - 5. The pick-up area directly in front of our school (our current pick-up area) will be reserved for students in grades K-2. If you have two children, one in 3 - 5 grade and K-2, please pick up your children in the 3 - 5 zone. Since there will be more cars in our traffic loop, it will be important that everyone practices patience, drive slowly, and check your mirrors before pulling out. If you are using the new 3 - 5 zone, please pull over to the right side, but not on the grass. There will be traffic cones along the new pick-up/drop-off zone.

PTO

Come one, come all! Please come to join us on Monday, October, 8th @ 4:15 for our PTO meeting. We would love to get as many parents as possible involved in our Parent/Teacher Organization. If this is not a good time for you, please e-mail Jami Fletcher, PTO President, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns.

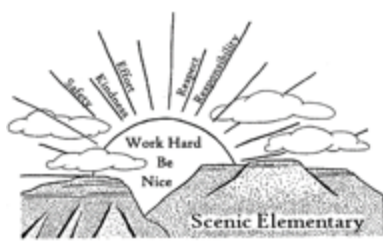
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Back-to-School BBQ

Thanks to all those volunteers who helped make our Back to School BBQ a success and exciting (meaning the sprinkler fiasco). Your hard work and time does not go unnoticed!

Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 10th is walk to school day. We will be meeting at the duck pond park in The Ridges neighborhood at 8:00 AM and walking to Scenic. The distance is little over one mile. Parents are more than welcome in joining us. Mr. Alexander will be accompanying students back to the Duck Pond at 1:50 PM.



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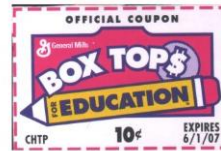
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Lexia Lab in the Morning

We have started our morning Lexia Reading Program in our computer lab. If your child is on a READ plan, and is in kindergarten thru 3rd grade, we are encouraging students to join us in the mornings between 8:00 - 8:50 am. This is for students who need extra time to meet their reading goal of 40 minutes per week or just need some practice time (a couple times per week should reach their minutes). Our lab is open Monday through Friday. We will also have the computer lab open on Wednesday afternoons from 1:50 - 3:00 pm.

Box Tops

Our PTO is always collecting Box Tops. The Box Tops are on certain boxes, bags, and packages in the grocery store. Box Tops are due February 1st. Thank you for your help!



Socktober

Our Student Leadership Team will be collecting new and gently used (and clean) socks and donating them to local homeless

shelters. It is important that the socks are a pair and that they are clean. The socks can also be any size (child or adult). Students can leave the socks in our sock box in our lobby.