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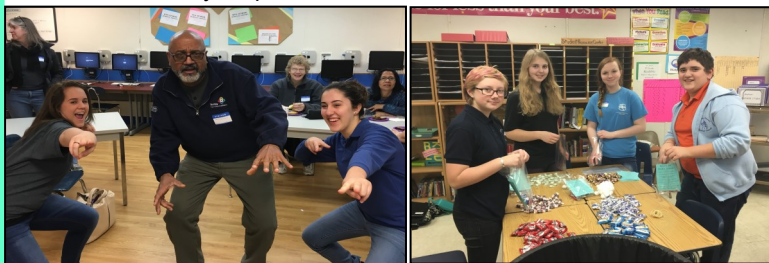
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Bus Driver Appreciation Week at Sussex County Charter School

Sussex County Charter School for Technology celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week. The school's anti-bullying club, Peace Pals, put together thoughtful gifts for students to give out to their drivers all week long. The School Climate Team and PTO hosted a Meet & Greet for the bus drivers that week too. Bus drivers enjoyed delicious baked goods as well as coffee and tea. Students mingled with their drivers during the first half of the Meet & Greet. During the second half, School Climate Team members, parents & administrators, met with drivers to offer support and to see if there were any issues they were having. We were happy to hear from our drivers that they found our students to be very respectful!



Think of a time in your life when you felt worse than you ever thought possible. Really, really down. Rock bottom. The pits. Why did you feel that way? Because it seemed that you were totally alone in the world? That no one cared about you? There are people everywhere who feel that way right now. People in your state. In your city or town or neighborhood. Maybe someone next door or in the next room or the chair right beside you.

Today, make a commitment to reach out to someone who seems lonely.



Even the smallest act of helping another is like a drop of water ...
It will make ripples throughout the entire pond

Sussex-Wantage School District Celebrate Olweus Kick-off

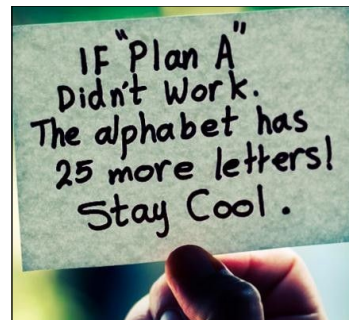
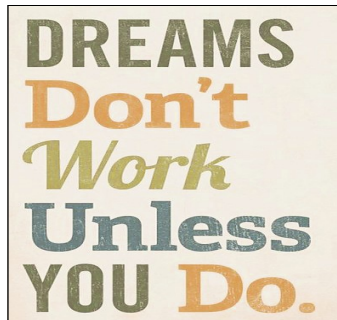
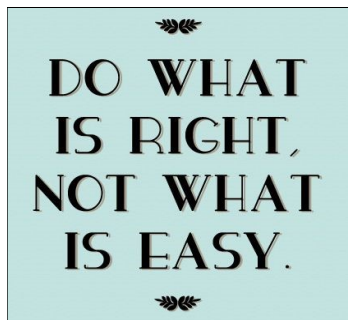
On March 16th and 17th the Sussex-Wantage School District celebrated their Olweus kick-off. The Sussex-Wantage School District is comprised of Sussex Middle School, Clifton E. Lawrence and Wantage School. Throughout the kick-offs students and faculty of all schools were treated to multiple programs developed by five NJHS students revolving around a "Friendship Day" theme. Rotating activities in the auditorium, cafeteria and gym promoted the five values connected to the Olweus initiative. Students from the middle school led the interactive presentations with discussions, film clips, sing-a-longs and skits. A rap version of a song promoting the Olweus values was presented by the students. This rap is titled "Say what... SW 5!" Check out the backside of this newsletter for the lyrics to the rap! The five Olweus values include respectful, responsible, supportive, a voice and a champion.



"Hang Bullying Out to Dry" at Merriam Avenue

Through the Second Step Program, 2nd-4th grade students at Merriam Avenue School were trained on how to Recognize, Report and Refuse Bullying. As part of the program 4th grade students designed t-shirts with messages of kindness and respect. The Second Step Program is a social and emotional curriculum that includes units on skills for learning, empathy, emotion management, friendship skills and problem solving. Recognize, Report and Refuse Bullying is an important lesson for students in elementary school. It teaches them the different types of bullying, how to report a bullying situation and how to be assertive.





SW-5 Rap

By: Alicia Citro of Sussex– Wantage School District

Say what? SW-5
What? SW-5
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Wait - and I'll tell you.

To show respect within my school
I'll make sure I follow the golden rule
I'll use my manners and be polite
I'll show true kindness and never fight

I am supportive; you can count on me
I'll encourage you - Be the best you can be
Forever listening - I'll lend an ear
You can stick with me; I'm always here

Say what? SW-5
What? SW-5
Say what? SW-5
Stick around and I'll tell you.

I want to be responsible
Accountable and sensible
Do all my work and ace my tests
I'll study hard; I will do my best

Every day I have a choice
Make good decisions; I have a voice
For what is right, I will take a stand
A champion, that is what I am.

Say what? SW-5
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Say what? SW-5
That's right and let's show it

