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Kindness for Christopher at Byram Lakes



The students and faculty of Byram Lakes School had the opportunity to participate in an amazing assembly to celebrate the life of an amazing young man who spread so much kindness during his short time here on Earth! As a result of the presentation students and faculty both are feeling empowered to spread kindness, not only within their school and town, but throughout the world. To learn more about Kindness for Christopher and their global movement, be sure to check out their [Facebook page](#).

Kindness for Christopher was brought together by Christopher's mother and father, after he was tragically lost. In an effort to keep his

memory alive, help the parents heal and remind the world the amazing human that was lost, his parents started Kindness for Christopher.

Christopher's parents ask "If you haven't already liked our page and participated in the movement please consider doing so... you will feel amazing and you will keep the memory of our angel alive." Help share the movement and spread kindness today and everyday!

No One Eats Alone Day at Durban Avenue



Durban Avenue School celebrated National No One Eats Alone Day on Friday, February 9th. Mrs. Melissa Kennedy (School Counselor) and the Student School Culture and Climate Team created conversation starters and typed them on different colors of paper. Staff members distributed the tickets as students entered the cafeteria. Students matched up their color ticket with the same color paper on cafeteria tables and that where they ate lunch for the day. Students reported that they enjoyed sitting with different students and engaging in conversation with them.

National No One Eats Alone Day is an initiative promoted by Beyond Differences. You can learn more about them [here](#).

Hudson Maxim Celebrates the Great Kindness Challenge

The Hopatcong Borough Schools became a Kindness Certified School District for the 3rd year in a row, after all schools took part in the Great Kindness Challenge from January 22-26, 2018. The kick-off celebration for the week at Hudson Maxim began with the message "Catch the Wave of Kindness" and staff and students dressed in vacation wear.

Hudson Maxim students competed in the Great Kindness Challenge by filling out the Kindness Checklist with ideas to spread kind acts not only by themselves, but this year was the first year the whole family got involved. Students also participated in bringing in pop tabs to donate to the local Ronald McDonald House charities. The Great Kindness Challenge doesn't end in one week at Hudson Maxim School.

The spirit of kindness and Bucket Filling is spreading throughout our school every day!



100 Days of Learning... 100+ Ways of Helping at Hudson Maxim!

On February 16th, students at Hudson Maxim celebrated 100 days of learning, for their 100th Day of School! First grade teacher, Doreen Sciabica and School Counselor, Lisa Schuffenhauer, again worked with Coupons for the Community to coordinate a donation of items needed by local food pantries. Since February is also Dental Health Month, Kindergarten students were encouraged to bring toothbrushes and first graders were responsible for toothpaste. Our pre-school students donated dental floss. The other Hopatcong Schools also participated by collecting soap, hair care products, toilet paper, and tissues with help from the School Counselors. After singing their traditional 100th Day of School song and reading a poem for the 100th Day, the students helped Mrs. Sciabica and Mrs. Gambuzza count the donations using their skills in counting by twos, fives, and tens. The results were, as always wonderful! Three hundred seventy-one items were collected for those in need in Sussex County! The children and parents of Hudson Maxim were exceedingly generous!



THE PLEDGE OF KINDNESS

I pledge to myself,
On this very day,
To try to be kind,
In every way.
To every person,
Big or small,
I will help them,
If they fall.
When I love myself,
And others, too,
That is the best,
That I can do!

