

WARRIOR MONTHLY MAIL

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#BEAWARRIOR: INTEGRITY, INITIATIVE, INQUISITIVE

Being a Warrior is a big deal! Warriors are strong, courageous, and stand out in the world. So far this year, we have talked about the three I's of being a warrior: *integrity, initiative and inquisitiveness*. Our school mission is to "*develop inquisitive minds that take the initiative to solve real-world problems with integrity.*"

We have also talked about having a *growth mindset* instead of a fixed mindset. A growth mindset is the ability to see that when you set your mind to something in a positive way, you can achieve so much! When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement in any area of their life.

For the rest of the year, we will focus on one important characteristic a month. September's characteristic will be *kindness*.



Below are the videos we use to introduce kindness and its importance to our students:

- [Color Your World with Kindness](#)
- [Put Some Effort into Your Nice](#)
- [K is for Kindness](#) (Primary Grades)
- [Simple Acts of Kindness Part 1](#) (Intermediate Grades)
- [Simple Acts of Kindness Part 2](#) (Intermediate Grades)

SCHOOL PICTURES SEPT. 19TH

School pictures forms will be sent home next week. School pictures days will be as follows:

- *September 19 – School Picture Day*
- November 1 – School Picture Retake Day
- March 19 – Spring Picture Day



TITLE I FALL FUN FEST SEPT. 21 5:30 - 7:00

Our annual Title I Fall Fun Fest will be September 21st from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Come for a special guest reader, apple cider slushies and popcorn, arts and crafts, and other fun and games. This is also our annual Title I Meeting where you receive information about our school-wide Title I Program.



WARRIOR WAY SCHOOL UPDATE

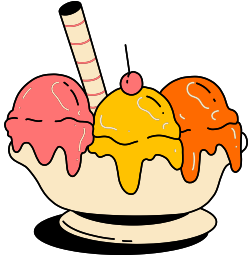
This past month students picked their school pack. It was so much fun seeing them get excited about our packs this year! Here is a preview of things to come soon with our Warrior Way program!

- **Pack of the Week and Leader of the Packs Tuesdays**
 - Every week the pack with the most Dojo points is named the “Leader of the Packs.” Everyone wears the leaders of the packs’ color on Tuesday to congratulate them.
- **Golden Spatula Award**
 - Each week our cafeteria staff will award the Golden Spatula Award to the grade level who displays the most integrity, kindness and respect in the lunchroom. The winning grade level will get a treat during lunch on Monday.
- **Golden Trashcan Award**
 - Our custodians will select one upstairs classroom and one downstairs classroom each week for the Golden Trashcan Award. The winning room gets to keep the traveling Golden Trashcan trophy in their room for the week. It might even contain a surprise in it!

WALK-A-THON

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 13



It is annual walk-a-thon time! This is our annual school fundraiser that allows us to provide activities such as Family FunFest, Winter Wonderland, supplies for classrooms, and much more. *Our goal this year is to raise \$7,500.* If we reach the goal, we will have a party during specials classes. There will be class and individual prizes as well. This year students will be able to make a sundae out of Mrs. Galbraith and Mrs. Manning! For every \$10 raised (up to \$50) they can add a topping.

- \$10: Chocolate Syrup
- \$20: Syrup and Sprinkles
- \$30: Syrup, Sprinkles, and "Nuts" (Actually crushed up cereal due to allergies in the school.)
- \$40: Syrup, Sprinkles, "Nuts," and Whip Cream
- \$50: Syrup, Sprinkles, "Nuts," Whip Cream and a Cherry on Top!

The kickoff will be on September 29th at 1:30pm!

"COUNT ME IN" OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Students learn best when they are in school. Knowing how important it is to be present each day, this year we will be recognizing students who have outstanding attendance through our new "Count Me In" program. Each 9-weeks students who meet an attendance rate of at least 95% will be recognized, as well as placed in a drawing for a grand prize! This means a student can miss up to two days per nine-weeks and still be recognized for outstanding attendance. We will not recognize perfect attendance, as we still want students who are truly ill to stay home and not infect others.



All who receive Outstanding Attendance Recognition will...

- Receive a "brag tag" of their choice to add to their backpack (see examples below).
- Be entered in a drawing for various prizes. Some examples of the items being given away are \$50 Roxy Movie gift card, free 10" pizza and breadstick order from Deangelo's Pizza, and various other items from community businesses.
- At the end of the year, those who have had outstanding attendance for the entire year will be entered into a grand prize drawing.

VISUAL THINKING SKILLS PROGRAM BEGINS

The Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) program is sponsored by the Honeywell Educational Outreach program and is for 4th - 6th grade students. It is designed to build students' background knowledge and develop thinking skills that use detail to enhance understanding. Many educators have used this method as a precursor to working on a literary or writing passage because the thinking skills used to analyze artwork can be transferred to language arts as well. The Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) method was created by Abigail Housen, a cognitive psychologist in the Harvard Graduate School of Education. VTS is targeted at developing creativity and thinking skills. It also presents a very effective method for tapping into students' background knowledge. For more, visit <https://vtshome.org/>



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WRAP AROUND NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

A Message from Me!

Wow! I can't believe we are in September already! The school year is off and running. It is exciting seeing the students get into their routines and find their stride. With school routines comes homework, tests, after school activities, and everyday life. We know the stress that comes from finding the right balance so if your student is struggling, know they/you are not alone and we are here to help.

Chelsea Smith

KEYS TO EMPLOYABILITY LESSONS

Students will be engaged in lessons throughout the school year teaching them the Keys to Employability. Indiana's Employability Skills Standards allow students to be prepared for the ever-changing needs of today's workforce. These standards are in four main areas;

- Mindsets
- Work Ethic
- Learning Strategies
- Social and Emotional Skills

AUGUST KTE LESSONS

1st

- A Spot of Feelings
- School Safety

2nd

- Feelings Detective
- School Safety

ZEROS ARE PREVENTABLE (ZAP)

ZAP is a program designed to increase responsible behavior of students who have demonstrated a pattern of failing to complete and turn in assignments on time. It is first and foremost an expectation of high academic standards for all students. This program is designed to encourage students to turn in class/homework in a timely manner. Third through sixth graders will participate in the ZAP program.

*For more information on ZAP please refer to page 8 of the elementary student handbook.

TOPICS COMING SOON

- Christmas Assistance Program
- Preparing for breaks

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