

## Monmouth Junction Elementary School

### Plans for School Violence Awareness Week October 17-21, 2016

Monmouth Junction staff will continue to focus on our school motto, “We Take Care of One Another at Monmouth Junction.” Through a variety of classroom lessons and activities, lunchroom and recess discussions and assembly presentations children have been instructed and reminded of the CARES core values we live by at our school. In addition to choosing to focus on school climate as a school goal this year, we will continue to focus on one of our District’s Dashboard Goals: Self-regulation.

#### 1. **Month of October**

Posters in the cafeteria have information related to CARES, respect, kindness, friendship and anti-bullying messages. Books will be on display covering these topics in the library, as well.

#### 2. **October 18<sup>th</sup>**: Wear the Cape Kids PTO sponsored assembly with focus on the following themes:

- It’s cool to be kind
  - Heroes stop and think before they act
  - You’re better than that!
- i. Distribution of follow-up Wear the Cape Kids activities/lesson plan ideas to all classroom teachers
  - ii. Catch kids being kind and award a “Cape Kid” of the month, display on bulletin board or in Showcase. (Small Acts Matter)
  - iii. Display a cape in each classroom as a reminder of the importance in being kind and being a Super Buddy!

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will be encouraged to review positive school citizenship and the ABA via Online Friday Folder.

6. SAC to share, via Google Drive, information with teachers on the following topics: community building in the classrooms and HIB prevention/intervention. All staff members will also receive a handy reference sheet to quickly be able to identify the differences between normal conflict and bullying.
7. **Bus Expectations Initiative** designed to help students and their bus drivers learn more about each other and build a sense of community while riding on the bus. Bus drivers were invited to the program and were valued as members of the school community. Students respecting one another and the bus driver are critical to the expectations.
8. **“Stop, Cool Down” jingle:** Peer Mediators will sing this and then recording of song will be distributed to all classes. This fun tool will be used to teach and remind students of the importance in self-regulation as a strategy for self-care and the care of others.
9. Ongoing: Morning Announcements will include a **CARES Message of the Day** to remind students of the core values we use to take care of one another and show others respect: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-control.
10. **Online Friday folder message to be sent** informing parents of the assembly themes and lesson objectives, as well as what parents can do at home to reinforce learning.
11. **Web site posting:** This memo will be posted to our school Web site for parent review.