

South End School

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"Kindness for Christopher"

Dear Parents & Guardians,

On January 4, 2019, North and South End Schools invited Mr. and Mrs. D'Amico to speak about a movement they started a few years ago called "Kindness for Christopher." This family suffered a tragic loss when their son Christopher died at the age of 10 in a terrible boating accident in 2015. During the assembly, Mr. and Mrs. D'Amico told the students that their son was a kind superhero. They explained that Christopher was always thinking of others and he loved putting a smile on people's faces. They shared a story of how Christopher told everyone that for his 8th birthday he did not want any presents. Instead of gifts for himself, he wanted people to bring him dog and cat food so he could distribute these items to a local animal shelter. His efforts were so successful that he delivered two truckloads of food that saved many of the animals' lives. This was just one of the examples they shared with our students. Mr. & Mrs. D'Amico didn't share any specifics regarding Christopher's accident with our children, but one message was very clear, Christopher was a special child that they wanted to celebrate!

As a result of this initiative set up by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. D'Amico have denoted the 24th of each month as "Kindness for Christopher Day." Although the concept of kindness or being kind is often discussed at school, we will be focusing on this theme throughout the remainder of the school year. As such, our School Climate Committees created activities that will be held on or around the 24th of each month to encourage the kindness that Christopher perpetuated. If you would like more information regarding Kindness for Christopher, or the D'Amico Family, please visit www.facebook.com/kindnessforchristopherd.

Listed below are a few of the upcoming events planned for North & South End Schools. As always, participation is voluntary. Should you have any questions, contact me at any time.
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- **Tuesday January 29th, 2019 - Dress up like Christopher the Superhero!** (Students and staff are encouraged to wear Christopher's favorite outfit, pajama pants and a hoodie. Students will also make kindness cards for a variety of purposes.)
- **January 28th to February 1st, 2019 - "Souper" Bowl Drive!** Students and staff are encouraged to bring in a can of soup that will be donated to a local soup kitchen (see flyer attached).
- **Thursday February 12th, 2019 - Wear Red & Compliment Mat Day** (Students will create a mat that is full of compliments for one another.)

Sincerely,

Kevin Skowronek, Guidance Counselor