



February 5 – 9, 2018

Dear Laurel Ridge Families,

The **Student Ambassador Club** is excited to announce that Laurel Ridge students and staff will be participating in The Great Kindness Challenge the week of February 5th – 9th! Our school will **join thousands of schools across the world** for this positive and powerful bullying prevention initiative. Studies indicate that promoting kindness in youth promotes self-confidence, optimism, leadership, and increased happiness.

Students will be encouraged to make Laurel Ridge a kinder, better school by completing a kindness checklist. We will also be collecting **Kind Coins for Hurricane Relief** to respond to the destruction of the 2017 hurricane season. **100% of the raised funds will go to hurricane-affected schools in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Puerto Rico.**

Here are some of the activities we'll be doing!

Mon	SPRIT DAY: Dream of a Kinder World (wear pajamas) Students will be greeted with a "High Five" Tunnel featuring community members Students will make a "Kindness Matters" sign to display in the school.
Tues	SPRIT DAY: Kindness Rocks (dress like a rock star) Students will sign "Thank you" posters for our awesome Cafeteria and Custodial staff.
Wed	SPRIT DAY: Glow with Kindness (wear neon and/or sparkles) Students will continue to work on their checklists and will be encouraged to give compliments to 5 people.
Thurs	SPRIT DAY: Mix It Up for Kindness (wear mismatched clothing) Students are encouraged to reach out to peers with whom they don't normally interact during lunch and recess
Fri	SPRIT DAY: Be Twice as Nice (dress like a friend) Students turn in their completed checklists at the end of the day!

We want to this be a very special week for all of our students! If you are interested in volunteer opportunities throughout the week, please contact Ms. Wierwille by email at Kathryn_oliver-wierwille@dekalbschoolsga.org or by phone at 678-874-6916.

**Please encourage your child to participate in the Great Kindness Challenge and show the world that...
KINDNESS MATTERS!**

Kindest Regards,
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