

# Cavaliers Connect

BY YOUR CHS COUNSELORS

## Kindness:

(noun) the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

WHY SHOULD YOU BE KIND? HOW CAN YOU BE KIND? WHAT CAN YOU IMPLEMENT AT SCHOOL? READ BELOW FOR MANY IDEAS! AND GET CREATIVE! DO SOMETHING OF YOUR VERY OWN AND SHARE THE KIND!

### *A healthy heart*

Emotional warmth produces oxytocin in the brain and body. Nitric oxide that is released runs in and expands the blood vessels, which helps in lowering blood pressure.

### *Better relationships*

Kindness helps to reduce the emotional barrier between two people and allows people to be more open and bonded with each other.

### *Joy*

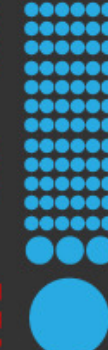
Caused by elevated levels of dopamine in our brain, which helps in lifting our spirits.

### *Anti-aging*

Oxytocin also helps in slowing down the ageing process by reducing high levels of free radicals and inflammation in the cardiovascular system.

### *Contagious*

Kindness works in the form of ripple effect. The effect is continuously passed on and more people are inspired to be kind.



side effects of  
kindness

# Ways to Show Kindness:

- **Clean up something that isn't yours**
- **Hold the door for the person behind you**
- **Make eye contact and smile to the person who walks by you in the hall**
- **Compliment someone with genuine intention**

- **SIT BY SOMEONE NEW AT LUNCH**
- **LET SOMEONE IN LINE AHEAD OF YOU**
- **SAY THANK YOU**
- **THANK THE CUSTODIAL STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK**

- Push in the chairs around you if left out
- Thank a teacher, or your parents, for their attention and support
- Give someone a small token of appreciation
- Write encouraging words to a person who seems down

- Pick up trash in the hallway or in the classroom
- Say Good Morning to people as you arrive to school
- Take your headphones/AirPods out of your ears when someone is speaking to you

- Donate books to your teacher's classroom or the school library
- Donate items to the Food Pantry
- Find local volunteer activities and donate your time and talent
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup

# KINDNESS

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everyone can  
afford to give.

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**be kind**  
it makes you  
**beautiful**

Sometimes it takes  
only one act of  
kindness and caring  
to change a  
person's life.

—JACKIE CHAN



Be kinder  
than  
necessary,  
for  
everyone is  
fighting  
some kind  
of battle.

*Unexpected kindness*

IS THE MOST  
POWERFUL, LEAST  
COSTLY, AND MOST  
UNDERRATED AGENT  
OF HUMAN CHANGE.

BOB KERREY