

# Counselor Connections

Bache-Martin School Counselor Newsletter – Ms. Cocca, Rm 134

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## Save the Date!

5/2-5/4

Report Card  
Conferences

5/15  
NO SCHOOL

5/18  
HALF DAY

5/25  
Town Hall

5/28  
NO SCHOOL

## Happy MAY!

Testing is over! WAY TO GO! We want to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to all students grades 3-8 for working hard and completing the PSSAs. As we look ahead to the end of school year we want to remind you about FIELD DAY! On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a school-wide field day! Keep working hard, treating each other with respect, and attending school each day and you will be able to have a great celebration at field day!

### Tips for a great end to the school year!

- ✓ Attend every day and ON TIME! On time is at or before 8:26!
- ✓ Students with 9 absences or less will be able to receive a free field day t-shirt for having 95% attendance! AWESOME JOB!
- ✓ Continue to practice kindness throughout the month! I challenge you to do one act of kindness for your teacher and one act of kindness for someone in your class. Check out how fourth grade is bringing kindness to Bache with their NEED IN DEED Project! (page 2!)
- ✓ Earn a special classroom reward by bringing in BOXTOPS! First and fourth grade are our leaders so far – join them in the top classes!

## KINDESS is the character theme for MAY!

During the month of May, we will focus on KINDNESS. Join us in practicing and modeling KINDESS by considering others, being warm-hearted and positive toward someone. Not sure how to spread kindness? Try some of the ideas below...

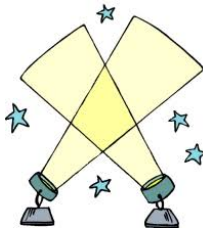
### TRY ...

- Holding the door for someone
- Playing with someone new at recess
- Helping a friend or your teacher
- Writing someone a nice note
- SMILING!
- Offering your classmate the first turn
- Writing a thank you note
- Volunteering at your school or neighborhood
- Helping around the house



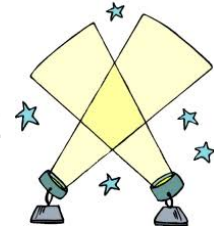
### SAY ...

- “You mean a lot to me”
- “Please” and “Thank you”
- “You are a great student!”
- “How are you today?”
- “Do you need help with anything?”
- “I like the way you did that!”
- “You can do it!”
- “You are such a good friend to me!”
- “You’re really good at that!”
- “I’m so glad you’re in my class!”



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

## ROOM 107B – FOURTH GRADE SPREADING KINDNESS THROUGH SERVICE



### Interview with Room 107B

Room 107B is involved in Need in Deed – spreading kindness through service. I went to their classroom during afternoon meeting to interview the students and find out more about why and how they are going to spread kindness through Bache-Martin.

**Ms. Cocca:** What is your service project topic and why did you choose it?

**Amin:** Our service project is to address aggression and the litter in the school yard.

**Josie:** Because some places around the school have litter and students can get aggressive and we want to help to change that.

**Suriyah:** We are going to help make the school yard better by making a “buddy bench.”

**Robin:** We are also going to make tiger trashcans so people can put their trash away and keep our yard clean.

**Ms. Cocca:** How does this help spread kindness?

**Daniel:** Helping the schoolyard spreads kindness because sometimes people get stressed in the school yard and some people might not have friends so we are making a buddy bench so people can notice you and invite you to play which will make you feel better.

**Ms. Cocca:** How can the school help?

**Amir:** We are raising money for the bench and trashcans – we will have a menu of snacks and treats for sale so buy something to help make the school yard better!

**Phillip:** We are also trying to talk to classes about what we are doing and why so other students know what we are doing and can help spread kindness.

**Ms. Cocca:** Why is kindness important to this class?

- **Daniyah:** We don't like people feeling sad or being aggressive. We want students to be kind– it makes us happier.
- **Hope:** Kindness helps you make friends.
- **Brianna:** Some people aren't respected and most people want to be respected.
- **Von:** We want to make sure everyone feels equal.
- **Neamani:** Everyone needs friends to support them.
- **Cristy:** Kindness makes people feel equal.
- **Waki:** When you are kind you can have a bunch of friends.
- **Mrs. Lynch:** It makes me feel happy when kids are happy at school.
- **Khashiyah:** Kindness makes you feel better.
- **Marleny:** Kindness helps people have friends.
- **Drew:** Being kind makes you human.
- **Robin:** Other people who look different may have trouble making friends and that's not how it should be.
- **Dominick:** Kindness saves the world.
- **Jack:** If you're going through something, your friends can help.
- **Emil:** Being kind helps you make friends.