

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Greenwich, CT

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For Immediate Release:

GPS CELEBRATES CARE FOR SELF AND OTHERS – JOIN THE CHAIN OF KINDNESS
Thursday, November 10, 2016

Greenwich, CT - Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – CARE FOR SELF AND OTHERS – JOIN THE CHAIN OF KINDNESS is one of many Social Emotional Learning activities organized by the Greenwich Public Schools (GPS) this year as a way to promote a safe school climate by fostering social-emotional skills in our students and reinforcing the District Norms. The 2016-2017 school year marks the fourth year of events celebrating the District Norms: *Be Here, Be Safe, Be Honest, Care for Self and Others, Let Go and Move On*. Using lesson plans developed by mental health professionals and teachers, schools across the District will participate in these Social Emotional Learning activities. This year, the program will expand into the community with the support of a grant from the Greenwich Alliance for Education.

The GPS Social Emotional Learning events and activities invite the entire community to Dare 2 Care.



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WHO: On Thursday, November 10, a majority of students in the Greenwich Public Schools as well as the Greenwich Police Department will celebrate CARE FOR SELF AND OTHERS – JOIN THE CHAIN OF KINDNESS in school and in the community.

WHAT: CARE FOR SELF AND OTHERS – JOIN THE CHAIN OF KINDNESS is a common initiative across grade levels to promote care, kindness, empathy and compassion.

Students will take this opportunity to:

- Learn how to be kind and show compassion for others
- Learn how to care for self and others and be a good friend
- Discuss why it's important to pay it forward and show kind behaviors to one another
- Begin a paper chain of kindness where each link states an act of kindness they performed in school or at home. The paper chain starts in the classroom and grows bigger each day

WHERE Greenwich Public Schools and in addition, Greenwich police officers will issue "Kindness Tickets" in the community when they "catch" people being good and kind citizens.

WHEN: Thursday, November 10, 2016 in GPS schools and throughout the community.

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WHY: The CARE FOR SELF AND OTHERS – JOIN THE CHAIN OF KINDNESS event is a meaningful initiative as it promotes care for self and others among our students. It also creates an opportunity for social-emotional learning, specifically building empathy and compassion in our students.

HOW: Mental health professionals and teachers from GPS schools coordinated the event with the teachers, administrators and students in their respective schools. Lesson plans were disseminated structured around the theme CARE FOR SELF AND OTHERS – JOIN THE CHAIN OF KINDNESS, encouraging teachers to implement them in their own creative ways. In addition, all teachers, staff and students in the GPS and at the Central Office are encouraged to wear the color **RED** on November 10, expressing their participation in the event.

Media: There will be media opportunities at Glenville School on November 10. Please contact the school representative ahead of arrival and report to the main office for entry.
Location: Glenville School
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Janean Carley, Assistant Principal; Heidi Powell, Glenville School Psychologist
Phone: 203-531-9287; 203-531-3171

About the Greenwich Alliance for Education (www.greenwichalliance.org)
The Greenwich Alliance for Education mobilizes community resources to provide opportunities and services that foster educational success for all Greenwich Public Schools students. We define “educational success” for students as the ability to pursue further education and/or to work to support oneself after graduation.



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