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A Note from Our Principal

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. In Newslines, Douglas County School District (DCSD) has been providing information and tips on how to prevent suicide from occurring in our community. Here is the link to the most recent article: [Suicide Prevention](#).

Many people may not realize that suicide is the second leading cause of death for middle and high school-aged students, as reported by American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This is surpassed only by “unintentional injury.”

Suicide is preventable, though. Four out of five teens who attempted to end their lives have given clear warning signs or “invitations” to those around them to engage. That means that in 80 percent of cases, we have an opportunity to intervene and save a young person’s life. There are signs you can watch for – follow this link for more information: [Suicide is Preventable](#).

We like to remind parents that when our youth are empowered to recognize when they need help and they have a variety of ways to get that help, incidents of suicide, substance abuse, bullying and acts of school violence lessen. At the elementary level, we work proactively to develop students’ resiliency and self-esteem. Our goal is for students to know where to get help and seek it out when needed. We do this by fostering a culture of support through teaching our students the 7 Habits, providing a variety of opportunities for students to lead, classroom meetings, using restorative practices, and always focusing on the whole child.

Here are resources that are available:

LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

The [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) provides a 24-hour crisis line for those who are thinking of suicide. They also help those who are feeling hopeless or helpless or know someone that is.

Metro Crisis Line – 888-885-1222 [Metro Crisis Services](#) offers a hotline for those struggling with a mental or emotional problem, getting into trouble with drugs or alcohol, having family or relationship problems, or problems at work or school. Support and guidance is free and confidential.

Safe2Tell

[877-542-SAFE \(7233\)](#)

SAFE2TELL is designed to help YOU anonymously report any threatening behavior that endangers you, your friends, your family, or your community.



Dear DCSD Families,

As you know, back to school marks the beginning of the cold and flu season in our schools.

We would like to remind everyone in the District to keep three simple steps in mind to prevent illness of all types:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover your cough or sneezes
- Stay home when you are sick

We ask parents to keep students home if they are feeling ill and are exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea
- Severe abdominal pain or head ache
- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Sore throat / swollen glands
- Runny nose or cough not associated with allergies

After illness, when can a student return to school?

1. After completing 24 hours of medication for the following conditions:

- Strep throat
- Infected skin eruptions
- Other conditions requiring antibiotics

EXCEPTION: If being treated for Pertussis, student must be on antibiotics for 5 days before returning to school

2. The student has been free of the following conditions for at least 24 hours:

- Fever without use of medication, such as Tylenol
- Eye drainage

3. The student has been free of the following conditions for at least 48 hours:

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting (related to stomach virus such as norovirus)

For more information about DCSD's Attendance Policy: <https://www.dcsdk12.org/health-and-wellness/attendance-policy>. We thank you for your partnership in keeping our students safe and healthy.

1st Grade Happenings

We are so excited to be starting a new school year with another fabulous group of new first graders! We have spent a lot of time getting to know each other and building a strong community of kindness and learners. We have been focusing on having a YET attitude by changing the way our minds think. We are learning that instead of saying, "I can't do this!" or "This is too hard!", we can change our way of thinking and help our brains grow stronger by saying, "I can't do this...YET." This will set our foundation for learning all year long!

In reading, we have been focusing on the 3 different ways to read a book. We can read the pictures, read the words, or retell the story. This helps us practice the beginning skills for reading! Children first learn to read by engaging in the act of reading the pictures, reading the words, or retelling a familiar story (The Daily Cafe). This is a critical strategy for all future reading skill sets!



In math, we have started learning about addition. We have been focusing on learning number patterns. This will help us be successful in our upcoming math topics. We want students to be fluid and flexible with their understanding of numbers before they are asked to apply it to problem solving.

In social studies, we have started learning about different community helpers. We can't wait to have many different kinds of community helpers come in to visit. We might even be able to go visit some community helpers, too!

We look forward to a great year filled with learning and fun!

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Our fall Book Fair will be from September 29th until October 6th. This is a great time to find books for your child and for your child's classroom. We will be open Monday and Tuesday from 8-4; Wednesday and Thursday from 8-6; and Friday from 8-3. We are looking for volunteers to help us out. We will need help setting up, tearing down, and helping kids to shop. If you can spare 1 hour we can use your help. Please click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you in advance for your help!

We will be collecting money for the All for Books program from September 25th until October 3rd. We will have a competition between classes with the top 3 classes winning a party. This program helps to put books in the hands of kids who otherwise would not get books. Scholastic will donate 1 book per \$1 that we raise. We then get to use the money that is raised to buy books for our classrooms. Every dollar earned in your child's class is spent by the teacher for books for the classroom. Last year, Scholastic donated 1,792 books between both Book Fairs from our school. **Great job AGE!**

Acres Green Students Reach Out!

With all the natural disasters that have been occurring, we've all been moved to help the people in the areas that have been affected. In true leader fashion, one of our AGE students understood the devastation that occurred in Texas after Hurricane Harvey and wanted to find a way to help. Jonathan Allert, a 5th grader in Mrs. Braun's class, did research with his parents and found a way to help through Texas Teachers of Tomorrow. He took his idea to our Student Lighthouse Team and received enthusiastic support to begin a school wide campaign to raise money to support students in Texas.

The Texas Teachers of Tomorrow have assigned classrooms to individuals and groups around the world who want to help the relief efforts. This way donations are funneled directly to a classroom that needs assistance to begin teaching and learning again. For more information on the Texas Teachers of Tomorrow organization, follow this link: [TTT](#). AGE has been matched with a 3rd grade bilingual class. We will be collecting money up through October 6th. The class that collects the most money for this cause will earn a pizza party! Thank you in advance for supporting our students and showing them that leadership is for all!

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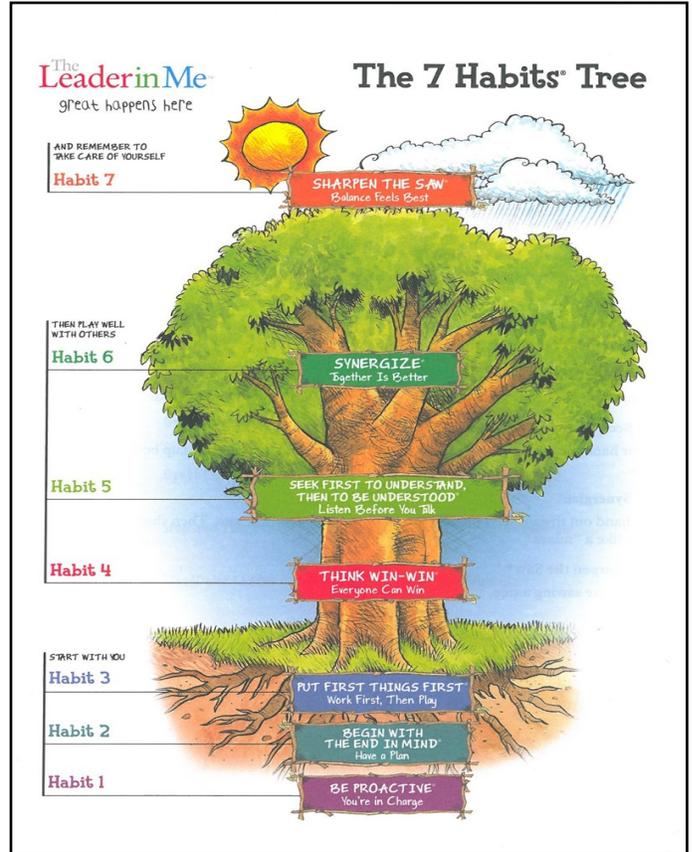
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Here are the 7 Habits



Habit 1 – Be Proactive

You're in Charge

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

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Highlands Ranch High School

Jr. Poms Football Camp 2017

Clinic: September 23, 2017 9:00 am to 1:00

Sign in begins at 8:45 am – enter at dance room doors on the side of the building by the parking lot near the track at Highlands Ranch High School

Please send a sack lunch, snacks, and a water bottle with your child the day of the clinic. Wear comfortable shorts or leggings and tennis shoes.

Performance: 6:00 pm Saturday, 23 @ Shea Stadium

(HRHS Football Game vs. Regis Jesuit HS)
(Wear comfortable shorts or leggings and tennis shoes)

\$65.00 due at check in on the day of the clinic.
(Includes the t-shirt for performance and a hair bow.)



REGISTER NO LATER THAN FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15th to guarantee performance t-shirt and bow.

Pre-Register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/M0hzl6ZiC7z334XF3>

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Name of Participant: _____ Age: _____
Grade: _____ Participant's School: _____
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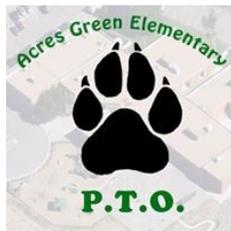
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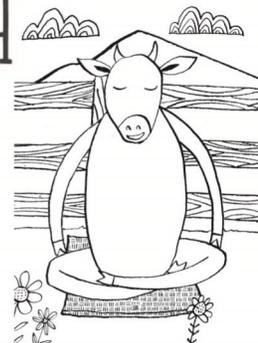


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