

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

At Holland Township School Heroes come in all shapes, colors and sizes. For the past few weeks students and teachers have been sharing their heroes and adding their photos to our "Hero Wall". This activity is a component of the We Are O.N.E initiative, and has begun classroom discussions and assemblies about building each other up and comparing our choices and behaviors to those of our Heroes. It has been heartwarming to watch students walk by our Hero Wall and identify their heroes to anyone willing to listen. Kindergarteners will point to their Grandpa, who was a soldier to a Sixth Grader passing by. Third and Fourth Graders have talked to each other while waiting in line to enter the lunch room about their Hero, pointing out a picture and then describing the characteristics of the person that makes them so important. Even our middle schoolers have excitedly joined in by adding their Heroes to the wall and sharing their stories with teachers, classmates and younger students.

As we move forward, the Hero wall will help us forge discussions with children as they navigate through learning about choices, both good and bad, language which lives in hate and developing the Hero in all of us. We will draw upon situations and characteristics of our Heroes to help build a culture of positivity, respect and love.

I would like to thank all of our parents who took time out of their busy schedules to join Mr. Michael Spence and I over the past two weeks to discuss the We are O.N.E. curriculum, school climate, culture and ways to help your children overcome hate language. I understand how busy everyone is and taking the time to join us shows your dedication to our school community. We will continue to hold quarterly meetings with parents to continue the conversation.

If your child has not yet brought in their Hero pictures, it is not too late. We will be adding to the wall until Tuesday, November 26th.

Thank you all for your dedication and support.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Snyder
Superintendent

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