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Kindness Week



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February 19th we celebrated our 100th Day of School





Heart Healthy School Program

Our 2nd challenge week for the Heart Healthy School Program will take place March 22 to 26. The challenge this week is for students and staff to eat a minimum of 5 fruits and vegetables each and every day. We encourage families to send at least 1 fruit and 1 vegetable to school in your child's lunch box. Morning announcements will include information about why eating fruits and vegetables are important, and students will have the opportunity to select a piece of fruit to try as well during that week. Join us in eating the rainbow each and every day!

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Hello DATL families,

During guidance lessons in February, I was glad to hear the students use the vocabulary learned during our Zones of Regulation lessons to help describe their feelings. I encourage you to continue reinforcing our guidance lessons, by asking your child what zone they are in, and what feelings they are experiencing. I have once again included a summary of key emotions found within each zone.

Students learned that experiencing feelings in each zone is ok, and that they have the ability and control to emotionally self-regulate. In February, we explored the Green Zone toolbox. This included teaching students the strategies to help foster the feelings associated with the Green Zone. These tools included: deep breathing, journaling, talking to a friend or adult, and positive visualization. I encourage you to remind your child to use these strategies at home. Looking ahead to March, I will continue to work with students as they learn to emotionally self-regulate by building their own toolboxes.

DATL celebrated kindness during the last week of February, as well as Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 24th. My guidance lessons during this past week focused on the concept of empathy. Empathy has been shown to help increase self-confidence and self-esteem in children, improve mental health, promote social harmony, and reduce instances of bullying. Empathic children can develop deeper and more meaningful connections with friends, family, peers, and teachers. I will continue teaching about and promoting empathy in future guidance lessons.

I wish you all a wonderful and safe March Break.



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