



# McAlister Intermediate School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Today your child participated in our 2nd school-wide Pep Rally. As a school community we came together to celebrate the new year, reviewed expectations, cheered for those participating in a 3-legged race, launched our "Be Kind in 2019 Challenge", and our first ever "One Book One School initiative."

As part of our "Be Kind in 2019 Challenge", we are asking students to cross off as many boxes on the attached kindness board until Friday, February 15th. Once complete, students should turn in their kindness board to their teacher. If they complete the board before the February 15th deadline, they may start a new board. You will notice some blank boxes on the board. Here your child may write in their own acts of kindness that they display. Kindness boards will be collected the morning of February 15th. Later that day, one name from each grade level will be selected randomly. Those 3 students will be considered an "Ambassador for Kindness" for their grade level. Each will enjoy having lunch with Mrs. Carpenter-Snow or Mr. Ferraro along with 3 classmates later that month.

To support our kindness focus, we will be launching the first ever "One Book One School" at McAlister. All teachers have been provided with a copy of the book Wonder by R.J. Palacio. When our school comes together to read and share this powerful story of courage, kindness and empathy, the world is surely changed for the better! Throughout the following 10 weeks, classroom teachers will be reading this book to their class, focusing on the story's message of "Choose Kind." To culminate this as a school community, we will invite ALL McAlister families to join us at SMS in their auditorium for a showing of the movie, Wonder. Please save the date: Friday, March 22nd from 6:30-8:30 with a snow-date of Friday, March 29th for the movie showing. An RSVP form will go home at the beginning of March, as space is limited!

Thank you for helping us with our mission of building compassionate hearts and passionate minds!

The MIS Social Skills Team