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**Title - Hopatcong Schools Participate in *The Great Kindness Challenge*.**

Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces -

The Hopatcong Borough Schools united in a district-wide week to participate in the second annual Great Kindness Challenge from January 25-29. The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive, positive bullying prevention initiative that is dedicated to creating a culture of kindness in each Hopatcong School.

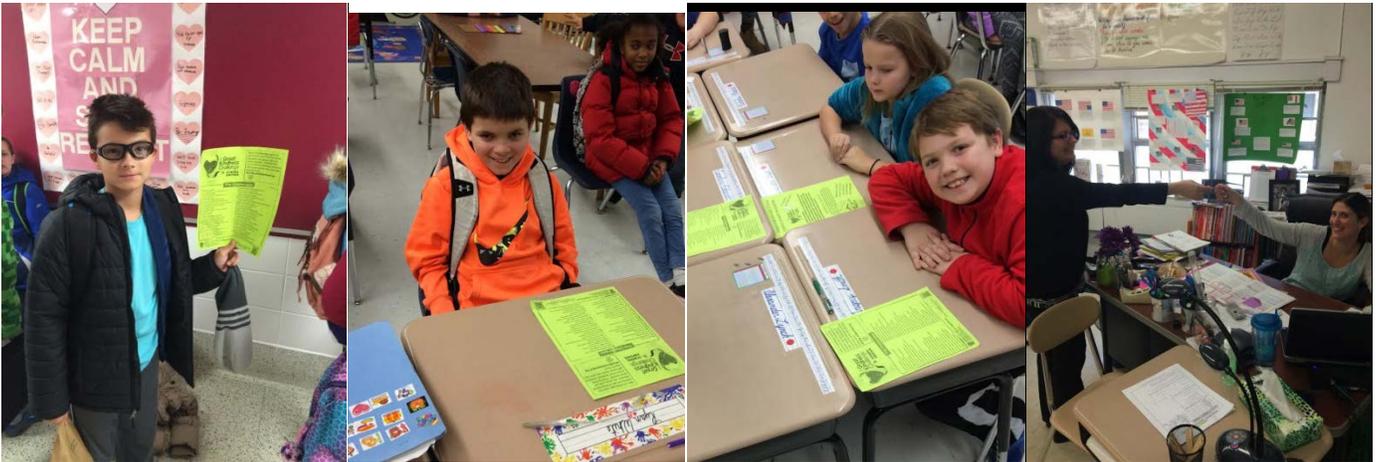
Students at the Hopatcong High School were given the opportunity to nominate fellow students as well as staff and administration for their acts of kindness throughout the week as forms were being submitted, the nominations were being read over the loud speakers which elicited applause by all. After few hundred nomination forms of kind acts were submitted, two bulletin boards were put together to showcase the countless acts of kindness that are being performed by the HHS community.

The elementary schools encouraged each student to participate in The Great Kindness Challenge by providing each student with a Checklist consisting of 50 different kind deeds. Students performed and checked off kind acts on their lists and encouraged other students to complete as many deeds as they could throughout the week. In addition Hudson Maxim School encouraged students and their families to participate in a poster challenge about Bucket Filling and being positive. Students and their families created posters promoting all the positive things around us and the ways to demonstrate positive behaviors!

The Hopatcong Middle School continued collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Students encouraged each other to be kind and to do kind acts throughout the week while using the Great Kindness Challenge Checklist. In addition, each day announcements were made inspiring the students to be kind not just this week, but every day to come. The Hopatcong School District will continue to collect pop tabs until we reach our goal of one million tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. We are looking forward to witnessing more Acts of Kindness throughout the school year district-wide!



Hudson Maxim student Merrick Ferreira displaying his poster illustrating his understanding of the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" Merrick enjoyed creating his poster which had focus on the importance of kindness!



Durban Avenue Students and Staff participating in The Great Kindness Challenge!



Acts of Kindness being displayed at the Hopatcong High School.