



Kindness Challenge winners  
Austin Baker (K) and Gianna Terantino (1)



Mrs. Grogan's Class: Pop Tab Winners



TULSA TRAIL: Miss Douglas & Mrs. Kovach's Classes

Mrs. Tumminelli's Class



Hopatcong High School students Jake Dorman & Jamie Kufita.



Hopatcong Middle School: Ms. Guevera's class

Hopatcong Borough Schools united district-wide to participate in a proactive, positive bullying prevention initiative called “**The Great Kindness Challenge.**” **The Great Kindness Challenge** was one week dedicated to creating a culture of kindness in each Hopatcong School building. All students received a GKC checklist with 50 kind deeds to conquer. The Hopatcong students also participated in their own act of kindness for the good of the community by launching a **Pop Tab Collection for New Jersey Ronald McDonald House Charities.** The goal for Hopatcong is to collect one million tabs! You can drop off your pop tabs at Town Hall or send them into school for the remainder of the year!

At Hudson Maxim, the students who participated in the Great Kindness Challenge were surprised with an Ice Cream Social for their efforts in creating a culture of kindness throughout the school and community. Students at Hudson Maxim also collected Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Mrs. Grogan’s class was rewarded with a popcorn party for collecting the most tabs! The school collected a total of about 6 pounds of tabs!

The students of Tulsa Trail accomplished 3,389 acts of kindness during the one week Kindness Challenge! All classes demonstrated much success with showing good character and kindness, however several classes were placed in the spotlight! Miss Douglas’, Mrs. Kovach’s and Miss Ferrentino’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade classes totaled **587 Acts of Kindness** combined, while Mrs. Tumminelli’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class performed **371 Acts of Kindness!** Their dedication and responsiveness to this great cause must be applauded!

Durban Avenue School celebrated Random Acts of Kindness too! Salah Ibriham completed his kindness checklist and was nominated the kindest student at Durban Avenue School. The students in Ms. Amelio’s class collected the most Pop Tabs at the school with Mrs. McConnell’s class coming in a close second place. The students are excited to continue the collection for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Hopatcong Middle School students focused on collecting Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bring It Club, with the support of Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Manisa, labeled all the pop tab containers for homerooms, delivered the Acts of Kindness checklists to all students, created morning announcements and posters that they hung throughout the building advertising the week’s events. Their assistance was greatly appreciated! Ms. Guevara’s Spanish class was the winning homeroom, and they were surprised with an act of kindness in return- a bagel breakfast.

Hopatcong High School was very busy during Random Acts of Kindness Week. The FIT (Freshman in Transition) mentoring club spread kindness, with a goal of encouraging students in the freshman class. Mr. Juskus encouraged school-wide kindness with announcements each morning. Each day, staff members nominated a King and Queen of Kindness. The Kings and Queens for the week were: Jennifer Thompson, Gabriel Carrington, Elijah Bailey, Tatiana Karam, Maxwell Schuman, Skylar Dingman, Jake Dorman, Jamie Kufta, James, Vilardo, and Riley Dixon. The homeroom students from Ms. Martinez and Mrs. Duffy won the Pop Tab Collection for the first week by collecting over 11 pounds between the two classes.

The Hopatcong School District will continue to collect pop tabs until we reach our goal of one million tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. We are also looking forward to witnessing more Acts of Kindness throughout the school year district-wide!