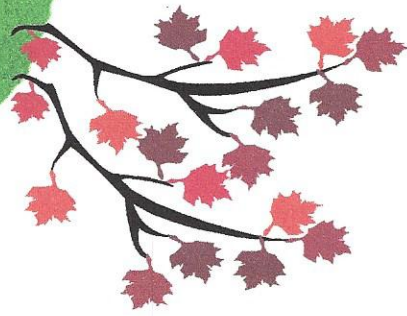
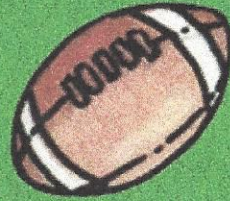


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October Newsletter

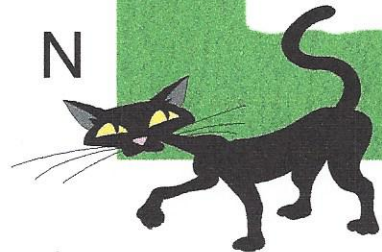
Dear Families and Friends:

Happy October! What a fun month to make great memories with your children. I was thinking the other night about what fun my family always had watching the Miss America Pageant. The entire family would get 2 names and that's who we would support throughout the night. My father always seems to get the Opera Singer or Belly Dancer, which would make him so upset. These are the memories that your children will remember! Children rarely remember the big vacations or money spent for big presents. They remember the simple things surrounded by family. So be sure to be present in your child's life. Time goes oh so quickly. Don't sweat the small stuff!

This month is also a month many schools do Anti-Bullying presentations. This month Seniors- Evan, Chancey, Ryan and Baley will be hosting our 5th Annual Raise Your Voice Talent Show. Please support them by attending the show, sponsoring your family name in the program, donating an item for the basket raffle or baking something for the refreshment table. This will be the end of their projects. What a joy it was to mentor these four amazing young men.

Our Holiday Raffle has kicked off. Please call for your tickets. Thank you to those who have taken tickets to sell. Let make this a huge success! Drawing will be December 21st

Wishing you all a BOO-TIFUL October.
Your President, Kathleen Marie Walsh





October Social Groups

Youth Social Group-

Socials for October: First Class Gymnastics Oct 18th, 1 pm youth.. Rsvp to MaryEllen 346 -2955 by October 14th. 1 hr in gym 1 hr party room. Parents bring a snack to share.

Middle School Social Group (Suggested age 13yrs old to 16 yrs old)

October 19th 1 pm Rosarios, 100 Highland Blvd Clarks Summit. Rsvp to Patty Dugay by Oct 16th..563- 1852.
Followed by a foliage walk at Lackawanna St Park..

Older Teens Young Adults (Suggested age 17yrs old & over)

Idle Hour Lanes Bowling Lanes

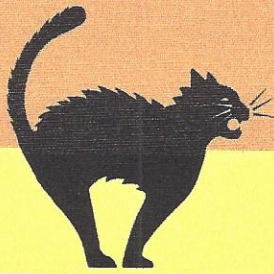
October 11 & 25th, 1 pm.. Please arrive 15 minutes ahead to get your shoes.



Mark your calendars for our Christmas Parties!

Youth 12 and under- December 7, 2014 2pm RSVP by December 1st 346-2955

Older teens- Young Adults December 21, 2014 2pm (Drawing for Holiday Raffle will take place) RSVP by December 1, 2014



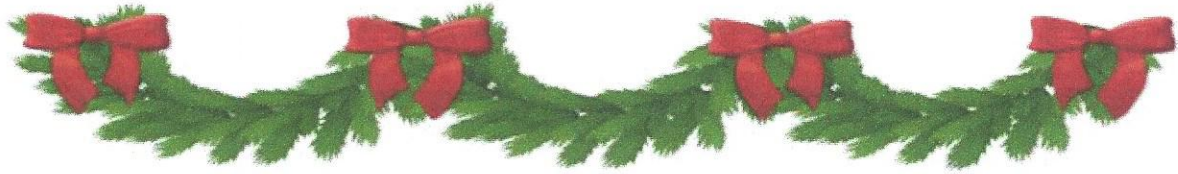
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Board Meeting 6:30 PLCTA HQS	7	8	9	10	11 Older Teen Young Adult Bowling 1pm Idle Hour
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Youth Social 1pm First Class Gymnastics
19 Middle Groups Social 1pm at	20	21	22 Walk Meeting 6:30 PLCTA HQS	23	24	25 Older Teen Young Adult Bowling 1pm Idle Hour
26 Anti Bullying Talent Show 4pm	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	



Holiday Parties 12/7/14 12/21/14 Make sure to RSVP.

October



Our Holiday Raffle Tickets are now on sale
Grand Prize \$1,000 plus 3 other great prizes.

We are encouraging each family to sell 10 tickets.
Tickets & Money must be turned in by December 10, 2014.

Drawing will be held at the Teen Christmas Party on **December 21, 2014**

Winners will be notified.



Call Headquarters for tickets 570-341-3388



Bullying

Bullying is not an avert act of cruelty but the omission of compassion.

Bullying peaks at sixth grade it levels out every grade after that.

Girls engage in more social bullying in group.

Boys engage in individual bullying (physical)

60% of people who bully have a criminal record by 24 years of age.

47 states have laws against bullying. Bullypolice.org

160,000 students miss school a year due to bullying

Bullying has always existed in schools however home was a safe place to be. With technology the world has excess to you at home. Students now have email, texting, facebook, instagram, twitter. These social sites give a bully 24 hour access to your child.

When children are exposed to domestic change have a 10 point drop in IQ

Compared to children who have been exposed to lead paint have a 5-6 point drop.

Parents:

Don't tell your child to ignore it because it send them a message that it's ok for someone to treat you like that.

Don't use adult logic.

Don't tell them you know how they feel.

Don't tell them to ignore it.

Bystanders:

Bullying stops within ten seconds when a bystander injects 57% of the time

Have a box where peers can report bullying without anyone knowing.

Role Models:

Kids are watching everything you do. Adults have power. If you are a teacher that is a bullying (mean to students) children will intimidate these behaviors.

Interventions:

In August identify “at risk” children for bullying,

Have a lunch bunch for children that are at risk and children identified as bullies. Most students like to eat with Principal etc during that time you go over some essential social skills.

Create Buddy programs for children that are being bullied this can blanket them with protection.

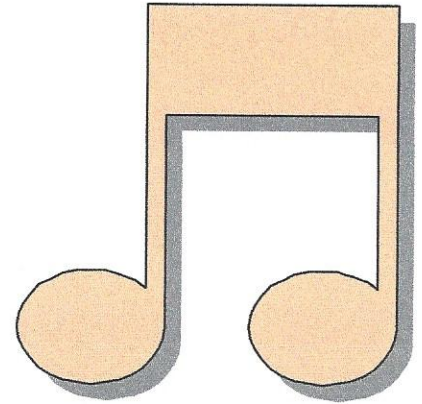
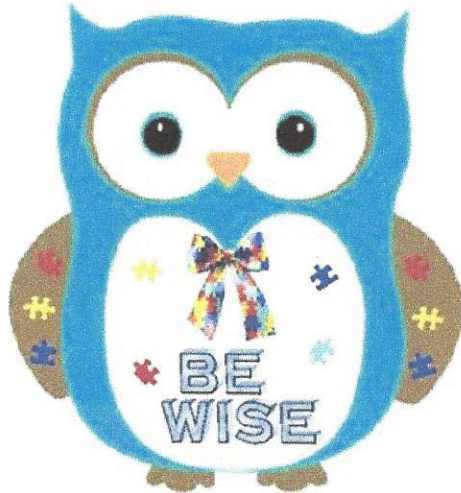
It’s impossible to define what bullies are, what they look like. You have to define it for your own school or program. Who are the bullies? What do they dress like? What do they act like?

It’s necessary to create opportunities to build skills of empathy and compassion. You are not born with these skills. These skills are taught.

If you are putting forth a consequence it should revolve around building compassion. If they are teasing a student for clothes or being poor they should volunteer at a homeless shelter.

Don’t do peer mediation~ Many schools do this and it’s the worst thing you can do. It makes the victim relieve the trauma. It gives the bully a rush of adrenaline.





5TH ANNUAL RAISE YOUR VOICE TALENT SHOW

Where: Riverside Jr. Sr. High School

Time: 4:00pm

Cost: Adults \$5.00 Students \$3.00

Bullying is not an avert act of cruelty but the omission of compassion.

Over 160,000 students miss school yearly due to issues of bullying.

What can YOU do?

RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR KINDNESS!