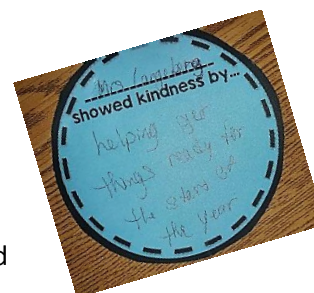


**Open House**

We held a wraparound Open House again this fall to offer families the opportunity to gather information about community services all in place. Attendance at Open House neared 100% for all classrooms. With three cameras present this year, there were no lines to wait in and all comments shared about the evening were positive. A few services available to families included: School pictures, Boy/Girl Scouts, Swim Club, Bussing, Food Service, Kinship, TES T-Shirt Sales, and Northwoods Vineyard Backpack supplies give away. By holding an Open House of this nature, we reduce the amount of time students are missing from the classroom. This has been well received by families for the past few years and grows each year.

**Elementary Building Theme: Be Kind**

This year, our school bucket filling theme is “Be Kind”. We began kicking this off at Open House offering families the opportunity to fill out kindness slips for their children. During this evening, I also recorded a number of video clips of children explaining what it means to be kind, who they’ve been kind to, whose been kind to them, how to be kind, and sharing kind words. These clips were used to kick-off our Be Kind theme at the start of the year.

**Start of the School Year**

We have had the smoothest start to the school year ever. With all the time that is put into planning the start of the year, there is usually one thing that we weren't aware of that throws things off temporarily (i.e. no benches last year at a lunch table that was being used or change in bussing plans at the last minute). This year, all went perfectly. We have had three days with no major behaviors reported.

**Harley Day**

Harley day is this Friday, Sept. 15. We will have presentations in the morning for all students.

**Peaceful Warrior Training**

Staff appreciated the Peaceful Warrior training brought in to the district on our opening in-service days. Learning the new ways to respond to active shooters was freeing and reassuring to staff. We will follow this up at our staff meetings throughout the school year to ensure everyone feels prepared.

## **NonViolent Crisis Intervention Training**



All staff were offered the opportunity to be training in NVCI a full day in August. This training teaches staff how to handle situations where students are becoming agitated or become a danger to themselves or others. The pics. Show a sample of the physical responses taught.



**Meet Bell** We are delighted to have Bell joining us in the elementary school this year. She has been a huge hit and has aided in transition of one our special needs students several times this school year already. She sure has been worn out with all the activity in the elementary.