

Mill Creek

Elementary



SOARING  
EAGLES



**OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE FEELS VALUED, INCLUDED AND RESPECTED. THROUGH ACTS OF KINDNESS, INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP, WE AIM TO BUILD A COMMUNITY WHERE DIFFERENCES ARE CELEBRATED AND EVERYONE BELONGS!**

**E**NCOURAGE KINDNESS

**A**DVOCATE FOR INCLUSION

**G**AIN UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT ABILITIES

**L**EAD BY EXAMPLE

**E**MPOWER FRIENDS

**S**UPPORT PEER CONNECTIONS



# INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP



## RESPECT WEEK

- Brainstormed daily themes
- Created posters
- Counted/ handed out flyers
- Spread the Word



## WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

- Tie-Dye Socks / banner
- Counted / handed out flyers

# PARENT STATEMENTS

"Any opportunity for my son to practice social skills is a wonderful opportunity, but the opportunity to befriend fifth graders who he looks up to at his own school is amazing. We are so grateful to the fifth graders for their leadership and friendship! They are making a difference!"

"We are glad that Josh has been able to experience the Soaring Eagles program during our last year at Mill Creek. I have noticed a positive change in how he and his peers interact, which I was lucky to see firsthand while chaperoning a field trip for 5th grade. There were members of the Soaring Eagles community in our group, and they were so kind and inclusive to Josh. He also seemed more relaxed in this new environment, which I believe is because he was comfortable with the peers in his group. It is also a great way for him to be a part of an activity outside of school hours with his peers. The students at Mill Creek have always been supportive and welcoming, but this program has enhanced that even more, and given them a chance to all get to know each other better."

"You never know how kids are going to treat your child when they have special needs, but the kindness and understanding shown by the 5th graders in the club is really indescribable. They go out of their way to make everyone feel accepted and they have truly made a difference for all the kids and set an amazing example for the whole school."

# OUR 5TH GRADERS SOAR



**JOSH BLAKE**

**LAUREN LOZANO**

**JANIE MONDIE**

**SAVANNAH SPEERSTRA**

**STEPHEN HORNE**

**EVA LUNA**

**SAMANTHA SHELTON**

**ANNALISE SPELIC**