

JMI's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear JMI Families,

Our character pillar for the month of February focused on **Kindness** and **being a good friend**. On our "Character Day," Ms. Hunter was our mystery reader and read **What Does it Mean to be Kind** by Rana DiOrio.



Throughout the month of February, JMI students showed kindness in a variety of ways and their efforts made JMI and the world beyond our school a better place.

Kindness exuded from our students as they participated in the **Kids Heart Challenge** (formally known as Jump Rope for Heart), sponsored by the American Heart Association.



Organized by our Physical Education teachers, **Mr. Molnar and Mr. Morales**, students learned the importance of maintaining a healthy heart and learned about children all over the country who might not be as fortunate. Through the Kids Heart Challenge, our students raised over **\$4000** for the American Heart Association, exceeding our goal of \$3000.

The kindness continued with our ETEA Volleyball Tournament. This annual event raises money for local organizations like Kiddie Keep Well, Buddy Ball of Edison, and the Marisa Tufaro Foundation. Our school collected over \$2300, which is the most we've ever raised for this event! We also had a record number of cheerleaders supporting our team, the **JMI Knightmares**, from the stands the night of the game. Thank you to all our students and families who made signs and cheered us on! Kudos to **Mrs. Landrove** for spearheading all our



fundraising efforts, **Ms. Misko** for creating our incredible volleyball display and to our Knightmares:



Mrs. Malchow, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Molnar, Mr. Morales, Ms. DiVila, Ms. Tarby, Mrs. Neri, Ms. Petry, Ms. Misko, and Ms. Geletei. Way to go team JMI!

JMI is going GREEN! In an effort to create a better world for our students,



Ms. Misko and Ms. Petry have started a huge recycling initiative for our school. Working with the Student Council, students created a presentation

for peers about the importance of recycling. Our school then applied, and was accepted, to participate in the PepsiCo Recycle Rally and the Nextrex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge. The students, known around JMI as "The Green Team," presented to all homerooms, created and decorated recycling bins, and collect, sort, weigh and organize the recyclables for township pick up. Additionally, during February's Board of Education



meeting, the board passed a resolution to participate in the Sustainable Jersey Schools

program. This then allowed JMI to apply for a \$10,000 grant through the PSE&G foundation. If awarded the grant, we will install filtered, refrigerated, water filling stations to replace our current water fountains with the goal of reducing the need for one-time plastic water bottles. We are so proud of all the hard work our Green Team has done to get our recycling initiative up and running and are so thrilled that all our students are on board to make JMI and the world a greener place!