



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are pleased to inform you that the week of August 30th-September 3rd, your child will be taking part in Start With Hello Week at Tarver-Rendon Elementary. Start With Hello teaches students skills they need to reach out and include those who may be dealing with social isolation and create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within their classroom, school or youth organization. Start With Hello was started by Sandy Hook Elementary: Sandy Hook Promise: <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>

Last year, over 12,000 schools from across the United States participated in Start With Hello Call To Action week to highlight and spread the message of the power of Start With Hello's 3 simple steps:

1. See Someone Alone
2. Reach Out and Help
3. Start With Hello

There will be many activities throughout the week to increase social inclusion in our school community to make sure no one is left out and everyone has a friend.

Thank you for supporting Tarver-Rendon Elementary students as they make our school and community such a wonderful place to be and learn!

Sincerely,

Brian Lane, M.Ed.
Counselor





Monday- Students will be introduced to Start With Hello by watching a brief video explaining the program which includes two brief scenarios of students during lunch in the cafeteria as well as at recess. Students will have a chance to share how they could use Start With Hello in these situations.

Tuesday- Start With Hello Lunch Conversation Starters! During lunch, students will use conversation starts to get to know their classmates and make connections.

Wednesday- Reach Out and Help! Students will be given handprints in class and will write ways they can reach out and help others. The collection of handprints will be displayed in the cafeteria!

Thursday- Photo Booth! Students will take a class picture together in our Start With Hello photo booth which will later be posted on our school's Facebook page!

Friday- Putting It Into Action! Students will take what they've learned throughout the week and be encouraged to use these skills at home and in their community!