

MAKING WAVES AT DCS



Mill Creek Students Spread Kindness Across the Nation

Students in Ms. Kalli Nowitzke's class at Mill Creek Middle School recently read a News@You article detailing a project to make a world-record kindness paper chain out of used paper products. Inspired by the prospect of participating in a nation-wide kindness activity, students wrote notes of love and support on links and sent them in to the Great Kindness Challenge, a program to promote kindness in schools in California and around the country. Nowitzke's students presented in multiple classrooms about kindness and inclusion and the paperchain project, prompting many other Mill Creek students to contribute messages of love and hope.

Mill Creek was one of 702 schools across the nation who contributed to an 18-mile-long kindness chain:

"The Kindness Unites Paperchain Campaign originated nearly two years ago in the midst of the global pandemic and gave thousands of isolated students and families a way to feel connected, engaged and hopeful. Harnessing the healing power of kindness, we created an impressive 18-mile-long recycled paperchain with an estimated 360,000 Love Links - each decorated with an uplifting message. Although we did not set an official Guinness World Record (they required a minimum of 100 miles to be considered), we are proud to claim our own Kindness World Record! We have done something that has NEVER been done before! What a glorious accomplishment!"

- Great Kindness Challenge

Way to go, Mill Creek – keep up the great work spreading kindness and empathy to those around you!