

The Valley Vibe

Gearing Up to Give Back

November is upon us and it's time to start thinking about all of the things we have in our life that we can be grateful for. Along with that, is the time to think about how we can give back to our community. We are always trying to instill upon our students how to think about others. If this is something you would like to focus on as a family please consider giving your time to a local organization called:

Keystone Opportunity Center

There are several different areas in which your middle schooler and you could give back through this organization:

- Annual Banquet
- Sleep Out
- Community Ambassadors
- Fundraising Volunteers
- Kid-Friendly Food Bags/Thanksgiving Meals
- Personal Care Bags/Snack Bags
- Food Pantry
- Fresh For All
- House Rehab
- Student Backpacks
- Tutors
- Holiday Reception

If any of these sound interesting please visit their website at

<https://keystoneopportunity.org/volunteers/>

Help Room

Grade Level Help Rooms are available during FOCUS!

Help Rooms are a great way for your child to: catch up on missing assignments, receive extra instruction on a class topic, take a test or quiz that needs to be made-up, or to get organized! Students are able to attend Help Rooms that are being run by any teacher within their grade level (it does not have to be a teacher from their team)! Students can ask one of their teachers to be assigned to Help Room for the week, which will update their FOCUS schedule in Enriching Students. Students can attend a Help Room for as long as they feel they need to; it is not assigned for the Marking Period. Teachers can also assign students to a Help Room, if they would like to work with them on catching up on work.

Marking Period 2 Focus Intervention Groups

Part of the time spent during Focus is providing students with Math and ELA intervention. These students are specifically selected based upon several data measures collected throughout the marking period. Students meet with their ELA and/or Math teachers 2 days out of the week. If your child was selected you will receive an email from their teacher early November.

Have questions you would like answered in a future "Valley Vibe?" Please e-mail us!
 Questions can be sent to:
 Kristen Raught (kraught@soudertonsd.org)
 or
 Jen Toby (jtoby@soudertonsd.org).

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A Community of Respectful Learners

Throughout the school year we will be promoting our WINGS program. There are posters in every classroom reminding students of the behavioral expectations in our school. When students are observed acting in a respectful way we acknowledge their behavior through our WINGS program. Students fill out a ticket and place it in the community bin and names get pulled weekly to receive a prize.

This year, to align with our MTSS program, each month students will have a targeted behavior they will need to demonstrate in order to earn a WINGS ticket.

Through data analysis we saw that in September our most common discipline write-up was students not keeping their hands to themselves. Because of this our

OCTOBER'S WINGS FOCUS was
Respect one another's space and property

To help our students learn our expectations regarding this, two different interventions were put in place.

- 6th Grade Presentation - all 6th graders viewed the presentation below to review middle school expectations with regards to their behavior



- Our WEB team created a video that was aired daily on IVTV highlighting our behavior focus for the month. This allowed our students to start each day knowing what our focus was.

As you have conversations with your children at home, we ask that you please encourage them to engage in this behavior while they are here at school.

Advisory serves as an anchor for our students; a predictable routine that students need more than ever as they undergo rapid physical, emotional, and intellectual changes. Advisory provides a space and structure for teachers to support middle school students, both individually and as a group, as they develop their sense of self and identity in connection to their relationships with peers.

Advisory is designed to address seven key purposes: build student to student affiliation, energize and re-engage, reflect & recalibrate, extend learning through themes, support academic readiness, strengthen advisor-advisee relationships, develop communication and social skills development.

Advisory

OCTOBER'S THEME Building Character

Parent Resources

If you're looking for an idea on how you can continue this work at home please click on the picture below.

This resource, from CharacterStrong includes 40 different activities that you can do as a family to learn about and promote good character. Activities include conversation starters, acts of kindness, recreation and rest and expressions of love. Check them out today!

