

Dear Parents, Students & Staff,

Welcome back! This year, we will kick off our *The Colors of Character* initiative in September. Each month, we will be focusing on a specific character trait from our Second Step Program and the Counseling Program. By wearing a particular color on a given day, students and staff are joining together to take a stand against bullying and spreading a message of *respect*, *courage*, *curiosity*, and *kindness*. Thank you for your continued support!

Date	Color and Purpose
September 13th	Welcome back. Let's celebrate! Wear clothes that represent our theme, Welcome to the Hillside TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More!
September 27th	Wear your best school spirit clothing to show Citizenship! We show Citizenship by following the school rules, giving back to your community, and showing kindness and respect to others.
October 16th PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center's UNITY DAY	Wear ORANGE for UNITY DAY to show that we are upstanders! It takes Courage to stand up for yourself and others. We are a bucket filling school UNITED against bullying!
November 22nd	Wear PURPLE to show Gratitude and appreciation for each other, our families, and our school through our words and actions.
Dec. 16th-20th	Holiday Spirit Week TBA.
January 31st	Wear GREEN to show Perseverance . We never give up, even when things get hard.
Feb. 10th-14th	Kindness Spirit Week TBA . Feb 14th, wear RED/PINK for Random Acts of Kindness Week. It's a celebration of all the ways we can become a positive influence in each other's lives.
March 28th	Wear TIE DYE to celebrate Diversity.
May 2nd	Wear YELLOW in celebration of Friendship to show RESPECT. We follow the "Golden Rule"— Treating others the way you would like to be treated.
June 6th	Career Day! Dress up to show others what you want to be when you grow up.

Sincerely,
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