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Senior Project Creates Buddy System

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The elementary students are having a blast. “Kinders are asking about the seniors regularly and are excited each time they see them,” said Mrs. Raschio. “Whether that’s at a sporting event, a music performance, in the classroom, or in a store, each one feels special.” The seniors are also having a wonderful time with the process. Many of the seniors called the process fun and were excited to share their favorite memories so far, from painting handprint turkeys to making ornaments and taking pictures with their buddies.

As we head into the new year, Raschio has planned several more monthly get-togethers for the buddies. The students will stay busy with learning to write pen-pal letters in February, reading for Read Across America Day in March, the Humbolt Fun Run in April, and Spring planting in May. The Senior class will then complete their graduation walk through the Humbolt campus before graduation. Raschio hopes they will inspire the kindergarteners to pursue their own

graduation goals, but he also hopes the senior class will recognize everyone who has supported them along the way and give back through helping younger students.

Mrs. Raschio added, “I am confident the students are not going to shy away from their senior this spring, but walk proudly with them through the traditional Humbolt walk. I want to thank all the seniors for taking the time to make a kindergartener feel like they are a part of the greater GU family. Thank you for helping me get projects completed. I wouldn’t have done them without your help. And finally, thank you for joining in our kindergarten fun!”

This project has been an adventure for each of the 27 seniors and 20 kindergarten students participating. Vincent Raschio’s advisor Andrea Combs is also supportive of the project. “I love this concept,” Combs said, “and this is a senior project that I hope we continue in future years. There is a lot of value in connecting seniors with our kindergarteners throughout the year.”

