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First Day Success

Mansfield Families & Friends,

We had such an exciting and successful first day of school!! We hope all students had a wonderful first day and are looking forward to coming back tomorrow! We thank you for your support, trust, and patience as we learn new routines, expectations, and procedures.

We just want to share two quick items as we prepare for Day 2.

Officer Walker

Please join us in welcoming Mansfield Police Officer Brian Walker to our school district. He is assigned full-time to our district to ensure the safety of all. Officer Walker brings a tremendous amount of experience to our halls. Officer Walker will be a positive role model for kids throughout the year. When you see him at entrance or dismissal, please say hi.



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Together, We Choose Kind

We are excited to launch an updated district wide mindset and motto, expanding upon Mrs. Traino's 'Be Kind' example for us all.

As families, please join our message to all students, teachers, and staff as we spread the positive mindset of: Together, We Choose Kind. This motto will inform all of our messaging and guidance to our students at both John Hydock & Mansfield Elementary.

Students will receive mini-lessons on the four pillars of K.I.N.D. and receive positive feedback/acknowledgement when they demonstrate these pillars to peers, teachers, community members, or towards themselves.



As we move through the year, we are hoping to have this image displayed everywhere, maybe even as magnets on the back of all your cars.

We are one Mansfield: Together, We Choose KIND.

Please remember that tomorrow, Friday 9/4 is early dismissal as well. We are closed on Monday 9/7 in observance of Labor Day. By Tuesday 9/8, we are full days ahead!

As always, if we can be of any service or help to answer any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you again for your positivity, patience, and support.

Remember: Together, We Choose KIND!

Best,

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