This month I would like to highlight the word: **Kindness**. While there is kindness happening everywhere in the community, I would specifically like to focus on the intentional kindness in our elementary buildings.

Aurora Heights

At Aurora Heights there is a small group of 4th grade students who serve as the morning welcoming committee. "They can be found greeting staff and students with a smile." (Comment and picture borrowed from the <u>Aurora Heights Elementary facebook page</u> on November 10th)





Emerson Hough

The beginning of December saw a new group of students welcomed into the Kindness Club. This group of 4th grader students "will meet every Friday to talk about kindness and do random acts of kindness at EH". (Comment and picture borrowed from the Emerson Hough School Counseling facebook page on December 2nd)

(Emerson Hough Elementary School facebook page)

Thomas Jefferson

The staff at Thomas Jefferson has been taking turns participating on the Sunshine Committee. However, this is a group of people who do not want to be pictured because their entire purpose at TJ is to provide random acts of kindness for the rest of the staff, all while receiving no recognition. (Thomas Jefferson Elementary facebook page)





Woodrow Wilson

"Choose Kindness" is the building wide focus at Woodrow Wilson this year. On the first Monday of each month, staff and students wear a special t-shirt and have a focused lesson and/or activity on kindness. (Picture borrowed from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School facebook page on December 2nd)

Please follow the Facebook pages linked above to stay up to date with all the Cardinal Kindness happening this school year. And as we move into this holiday season and get closer to kicking off the new year, remember the examples set by our Newton elementary students, and Choose Kindness!

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