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Quote of the Week:

"I am a big believer that eventually everything comes back to you.

You get what you give out."

-Nancy Reagan



Are You Doing Your Personal Best?

Today was our first annual **Personal Best Day!** It was a smashing success. Students danced in the hallways between periods and enjoyed a day full of fun activities to reinforce the importance of doing **your Personal Best**. Each period a mystery staff member read a Personal Best quote over the P.A. Here's a list of the quotes:

1. "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."
- *William Arthur Ward*
Staff Member: **Lauren Saur**
2. "It takes courage to show your dreams to someone else" - *Erma Bombeck*
Staff Member: **Joanne Verdino**
3. "If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right." - *Henry Ford*
Staff Member: **Rosanna Gangidino**
4. "You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."
- *Martin Luther King, Jr.*
Staff Member: **Konstantinos Kovoros**
5. "Be the change you want to see in the world."
- *Mahatma Gandhi*
Staff Member: **Evelyn Goldman**
6. "One of the hardest things in life is having words in your heart that you can't utter."
- *James Earl Jones*
Staff Member: **Lois DePasquale**

7. "Don't lose hope. When it gets darkest the stars come out." - *Unknown*

Staff Member: **Dave Herbert**

8. "Strangers are just friends waiting to happen." - *Unknown*

Staff Member: **Elisa Weidenbaum**

9. "The only way to find the limits of the possible is by going beyond them to the impossible."

- *Arthur C. Clarke, English science fiction writer (b. 1917)*

Staff Member: **Rose Scalera**

Below are just a few pictures from this exciting day. We hope that all members of our school family were inspired to have a successful second half of the school year.



"Mix-It-Up": All schools across America will be participating in this event with the purpose being to allow students to cross social boundaries and meet new people. Tuesday was "mix-it-up" clothing day. Students were encouraged to wear mismatched clothing. Thursday was "mix-it-up" in the Cafeteria day. During your child's lunch period, they were assigned a new lunch table and maybe even a different cafeteria. This enabled them to talk to people they don't usually socialize with and find out that they have things in common with other kids besides their usual lunch crowd.

Jericho Middle School Welcomes Back David Kearon

Dave Kearon graduated cum laude from Stony Brook University in 2003, and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in School Psychology at Queens College. He previously worked as a teaching assistant in Oyster Bay and as an inclusion aide at Jericho Middle School. Dave looks forward to once again working with students, parents and faculty at Jericho Middle School.



6th Grade BRAVE Read Aloud

The sixth grade student BRAVE Ambassadors in an effort to promote character education, held read-aloud sessions during the sixth grade lunch periods during February in the Middle School Library. Some of the books that the students read were: Teammates; The Recess Queens; Raspberries; Fly Away Home; Swimmy; Hey, Little Ant; Following the Drinking Gourd; George and Martha; and The Clever Boy and the Terrible Dangerous Animal. Ms. Gallagher and Mrs. Garfinkel, our BRAVE Coordinators, worked with Mrs. Minikel, our Librarian, in helping to choose children's books specifically dealing with worthy character morals and values. Please click on the following link to view the wonderful and inspiring, pictures of our students. <http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/library/bravesixthgradeReadaloud.htm>

Enjoy your winter recess!



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 16	No After School Clubs
February 19-23	Schools Closed
February 27	Middle School Guidance Evening Hours - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Recognizing that other commitments often make it impossible for parents to find time to meet with counselors during the regular school day, we continue a program of evening meetings. If you would like to meet with your youngster's counselor but are unable to do so during the school day, please call the counselor in order to schedule an evening appointment.
March 8	Middle School PTSA Meeting - MS Library - 9:00 a.m.