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Quote of the Week for December 3rd:

"The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to yourself, respect; to all people, charity."

- Benjamin Franklin



December's Theme

Respect and Responsibility

"Self-Respect is like wearing a coat of armor that no one can cut through." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. This coat of armor allows us to demonstrate the importance and necessity in being dependable and responsible. Dependability is being there for others through all the times of their lives, as well as, showing and encouraging a personal commitment to each task.

Responsibility is being accountable in word and deed. It understands the need to fulfill tasks with reliability, dependability, and commitment.

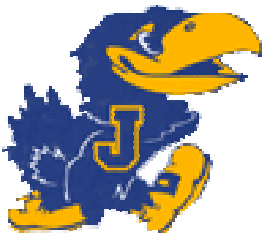
Parents and educators model and demonstrate respect, dependability, and a sense of responsibility for you. We need to help you understand and internalize how you can and will change the lives of all with whom you come in contact.

From *Eight Habits of the Heart* by Clifton Taulbert

SEL Challenge for December

Make a commitment to do something for the benefit of someone less fortunate than yourself.
Write down your commitment and place it in the box in the lunchroom . . .

FULFILL YOUR COMMITMENT!



Name the Jericho Jayhawk!

Thank you to all who gave in your suggestions for the name of our school mascot. We now have an on-line ballot set-up for you to select your favorite names. Click on the following link for instructions: <http://www.jerichoschools.org/jayhawksurvey/>

Middle School "Toys for Tots" Drive

The Middle School will be collecting toys for the "Toys for Tots" Program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve starting November 15 through December 14th. The mission of the Toys for Tots Program is to collect **new, unwrapped**, toys during November and December and to distribute those toys as holiday gifts while simultaneously providing a message of hope to needy youngsters. Please drop off the toys in **Ms. Bany office, Mr. Wiener's office or in Mr. Kahn's classroom, #210**. Your generosity and kindness will help make someone else's holiday a special one.



Middle School Winter Play:

On December 13th and 14th, the Middle School will be presenting its annual winter musical production in the Little Theatre. This year the students will be performing "**Once Upon a Mattress.**" Tickets will be \$7.00 and can be purchased from cast members. Please support our students by attending this event.

Staff Members of the Week:

Mr. David Venuti, 7th Grade Mathematics Teacher

This gentleman is in his 25th year of teaching Mathematics in the Middle/High school. He has two daughters, Elizabeth who is an accounting major at Penn State University and Emily, who is a nursing major at the University of Scranton. His goals are to play better golf, get all students to reach their potential, and try not to get hurt playing soccer in an over 30 league. Here he is, over 50 and "still kicking"... Mr. Venuti.



Ms. Fran Cerro, Teacher Aide

Ms. Cerro worked as a dialysis manager for various hospitals for 23 years and retired 5 years ago before joining Jericho Middle School. She has three children, two of which are in college and one to follow next year. She continues to enjoy working with all students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 13-Dec. 14	Middle School "Toys for Tots" Program
December 13	Principal's Coffee Hour-Middle School Library-9:00 a.m.
December 13-14	Middle School Play-Little Theare-7:00 p.m.
December 19	Board of Education Meeting-Jackson Elementary-7:30 p.m.
December 21	No After School Clubs
December 24-Jan. 1	Schools Closed