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Dear Parents,

This year our school has adopted a new character education program that follows a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) model. Our teachers are using Sanford Harmony lessons during an advisory period each week in the classroom to promote social and emotional learning. The units of study include Diversity and Inclusion, Empathy and Critical Thinking, Communication, Problem Solving, and Peer Relationships. We are using the acronym WAVES to represent our school values.

- W- Work Together
- A- Accept Differences
- V- Validate Each Other
- E- Empathize
- S- Stay Flexible

Students are being given tickets at random for exhibiting one of the “WAVES” behaviors. Students put their name on the ticket and the ticket is entered into a weekly classroom drawing where the student who is picked will receive a reward. One time per month, the teacher will turn in all tickets collected that month into the main office for a school wide drawing for each grade.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month and while we are making every day a day to promote kindness within our building, we would like to bring awareness to bullying prevention as a shared responsibility between parents, children, educators, and community. Each week of the month, our students will participate in different anti-bullying activities or “challenges.” We know you will join us in delivering a message of acceptance and kindness to all our children and encourage your students to participate in the following activities seen on the back of the paper.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together for the students at PS/MS 114.

The Social Emotional Learning Committee

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<b>Week Of:</b>	<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Challenge Others Make Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward with their acts of kindness</li> <li>• Start a conversation with a schoolmate that you've never spoken to before</li> </ul>
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Stand Up For Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you see someone being bothered or bullied, be brave and stand up for them</li> <li>• If you see something, say something</li> </ul>
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Inclusion Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't let anyone play alone in the schoolyard</li> <li>• If someone looks lonely or sad, reach out to them</li> </ul>
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Have Conversations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold discussions where you allow students to openly speak and discuss their experiences with peer conflict, bullying and problem solving</li> </ul>