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# **South School PTO**

**November 3, 2021**

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We want to hear  
from you!

# Color your World with Kindness



# Melrose Kind

[melrosekind.com](http://melrosekind.com)

Please welcome Maribeth Darwin  
and Steph Nelson, co founders of  
Melrose Kind.



# MelroseKind: Who We Are

- A non-profit focused on spreading kindness in Melrose and beyond
- Self-funded since 2016
- Now able to raise funds to support kindness initiatives
- Kindness projects throughout the year
- Donate on [melrosekind.com](https://melrosekind.com)

# **November 20th: 6th annual Melrose Random Acts of Kindness Day**

- Melrose Public Schools play a huge part in the celebration
  - This is NOT just a school activity, it is community-wide
  - November 20th means a great deal to us, so we celebrate it on this day each year
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- When November 20th is Saturday or Sunday, schools celebrate on Friday

# What Happens?

- Each year gets a bit less random but more involvement
- Our hope is to keep it simple and fun
- Educators ALREADY integrate kindness in curriculum everyday
- Goal is to turbo-charge kindness at this time of year

# Every School

- Stickers/kindness cards for each educator
- Poster for each school
- Kindness mural in lobby for selfies
- PTOs celebrate educators with kindness (snacks, kind words, etc.)





# This Year's Mural (👉) or An Easy Mural!

Kindness is Sunshine  
On a Rainy Day



# Elementary/South School Andover

- Letter writing campaign to senior citizens in Melrose
  - Huge success last year
  - Kids write the letters, we coordinate with senior communities
  - Any way it works for your schools: write in class, at home, etc.
  - If students are interested, they join us in delivering letters on 11/20
- Create cards for local hospitals
  - Impact felt individually (woman with cancer)
  - Impact felt hospital wide (pandemic)

# Looking to do more? Pay It Forward Campaign

- Install in local coffee shops/fast food
- Patrons pay for coffee (or other) for those yet to arrive



## In School Sticker Campaign

- Encourage kids to write sticky notes
- Students and teachers take and leave as they like



# Share the Love

- Tag us @melrosekind #melrosekind
- Join in social media kindness chains
- Participate in the Great Kindness Challenge
- Send us of Kindness Project ideas for the year
  - Intergenerational Dance
  - Adopt-a-senior
  - Adopt-a-city
  - Community meals



## The Great Kindness Challenge!

1. *Be grateful* and thank someone you appreciate.
2. *Be gracious* and donate to a worthy cause.
3. *Be supportive* and stick up for someone who needs you.
4. *Be present* and hand write a letter.
5. *Be a good neighbor* and leave a great review for a small business.
6. *Be earth-friendly* and pick up litter.
7. *Be good to yourself* and practice self care.
8. *Be part of the solution* and civically engage.
9. *Be attentive* and compliment someone.
10. *Be inclusive* and connect with someone new.





# **Diaper Drive for Neighbors in Need**



# DIAPER DRIVE

## For Neighbors in Need

Currently, **one in three families** nation-wide struggle with diaper need, or not having enough diapers to keep their child or children clean, dry and healthy. Sadly, right here in the Merrimack Valley is no exception.

Like so many other facets of life, supply chain and manufacturing issues have driven up diaper prices over the past year and programs like WIC or food stamps do not address a family's lack of diapers. Diaper supply is crucial to a family's ability to maintain childcare, so parents can attend work or school.

Neighbors in Need, a wonderful local organization, is helping address this need for local families through their Diaper Bank program.





# DIAPER DRIVE

For Neighbors in Need

Over the next month, we will be partnering to collect:

- **All sizes of diapers (including open packages):**

**Newborn through size 7 and Pullups, and Goodnights (even the L/XL size!)**

**\*Most needed sizes are size 4, 5, and 6\***

- **Baby wipes**
- **Diaper rash creams**
- **Infant formula \*Most needed are Similac Advance and Similac Sensitive\***
- **Baby food, baby cereal and toddler pouches**
- **Baby shampoo, soap, etc.**

Giving is easy! Either drop at in the collection bin in the lobby at South or purchase through Neighbors in Need's Amazon link and ship directly to them. Any questions, please reach out to Becca Rogers at [rogers.becca@gmail.com](mailto:rogers.becca@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance to the South School community. We can't wait to see South's Tiger generosity at a full roar!

# PTO Updates

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# Fun Run

A HUGE South School thank you to all! With your help, we were able to raise more than \$27,000!



# 2021- 2022 South School Student Directory



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together

South  
Elementary  
School

2021 - 2022  
DIRECTORY

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# PTO Updates Since September



# Thank You

As a show of gratitude for all Fun Run related work, the PTO purchased cookies for faculty & staff



## Dine Out for South

We held our first Dine Out for South event on 10/23, raising **\$560!** (\$410 from proceeds plus a \$150 donation from Crack'd!)



## Playground Supplies

At the school's request, the PTO purchased 24 new playground balls to supplement last year's supplies



## Curriculum Enrichment

The PTO has funded Curriculum Enrichment two programs for with seven more planned, and more on the way!

# PTO Updates Since September



## Reimagined our Book Fair

Working with Andover Bookstore, we have created a new version of our Fall Book Fair beginning this week.



## Pie Sale

Our annual Pie Sale began on 10/25 and runs through 11/5. (pickup 11/23) So far we have sold **94** pies, including 34 for faculty and staff!!



## ACE Scarecrow Festival & Pumpkin Patch

South contributed 6 scarecrows - 5 downtown and 1 at the school - and 28 pumpkins!



## BOO-YAH

125 South families participated in our second annual BOO-YAH Halloween event!.

# What's Next?



## Workout for South!

Join us on Saturday,  
November 20 at 11:30 AM  
at Btone Andover for our  
first Workout for South  
event of the year!



## 2021 Kindness Initiative

Our month long  
celebration kicks off on  
Monday, November 15.



**Additional Dine  
Out/Workout for  
South Offerings;  
winter break gifts for  
faculty and staff, and  
so much more... Get  
involved!**

# We Need You!

## Winter Wonderland Scavenger Hunt

Help us plan our *NEW* wintertime event to be held on Thursday, December 9 at South School.

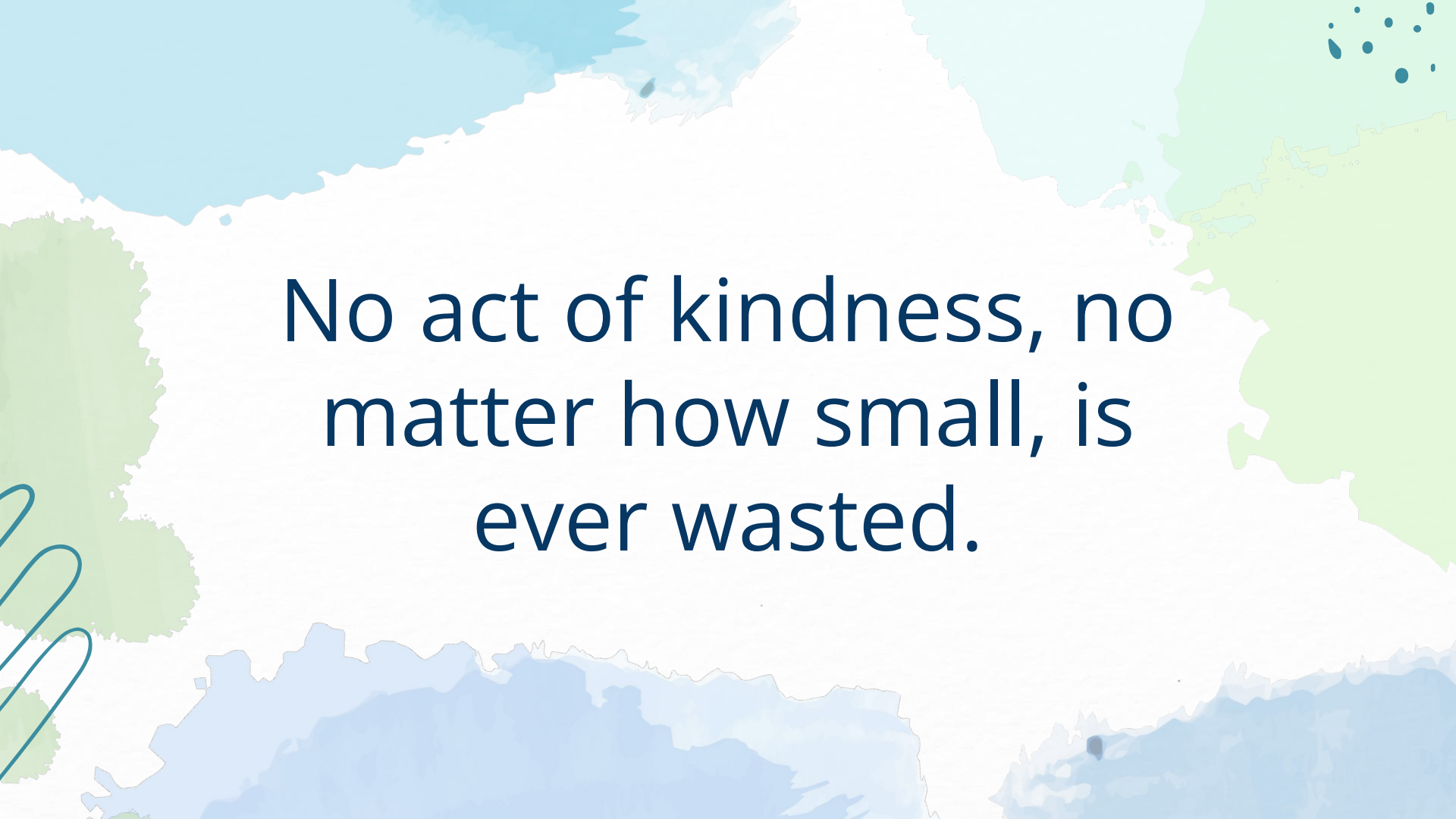
## Dine Out for South

Coordinate 2 - 3 restaurant fundraisers over the course of the year.

## Community Outreach Team

Help us expand our Shop Local/Shop Small Initiative by working with the PTO president to develop partnership opportunities with local businesses





No act of kindness, no  
matter how small, is  
ever wasted.