

March 15, 2019

Dear Families,

Today was an exciting day for our first graders! They enjoyed their field trip to the CSH Fish Hatchery, where they learned about the habitat of many local species of fish and turtles and the adaptations that support their survival. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful partnership with the Fish Hatchery. Our children learn so much from their experiences there and from raising their classroom turtles.

Our students are enjoying hearing their HERO acts read during morning announcements. They are proud to be recognized for times they are honest (even when it isn't easy), when they show empathy for another person, and when they treat their environment and the people around them with care and respect. They are also proud to be working at home to earn coins to contribute to our *Coins for Cats & Dogs* drive in support of Little Shelter. Taking part in a community service project is yet another way for them to be open-hearted---showing kindness and generosity to others.

We are still seeking parents and community members for our **HERO Institute on April 17th** (8:45-11:30). Presenters will provide short (10-12 minute) workshops about the work of people who help people, animals, and our environment. So far our volunteers include doctors, a psychologist, veterinarians, firefighters, HS student groups, and instructors from Atomic Tae Kwon Do. We need a few more presenters, so please consider the following: Do you or someone you know...

- work with people who have disabilities and could talk to the children about respect and empathy for people with special challenges?
- serve in the armed forces or on a police force?
- serve as a public official, or in any form of government?
- engage in work or any activity that involves caring for or protecting the environment?
- show passion for healthy habits—exercise, yoga, mindfulness—and could teach the children about caring for themselves/respecting their bodies?

The possibilities really are endless! Please call or email me with your ideas---I will help you develop a plan for your workshop. I promise you will have fun sharing your work with our students.

Finally, with April just around the corner, we are beginning to plan for the 2019-20 school year. Please see the letter ([on the School Notices page of the GH website](#)) regarding the class placement process which will begin next month. The letter provides you with guidelines should you wish to provide us with input into special needs your child may have that are not already known to us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein