



Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Wednesday we had our annual Peace, Love & Community all-school meeting to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Students performed readings, sang songs, and watched footage from the March on Washington and of King giving his famous *I have a dream* speech. In honor of King's commitment to peace and dedication to serving our country the students have taken on two projects.

First, students will try to write a "random note of kindness" to every household in Leicester over the next few weeks! They have already mailed about 55. **Please consider donating postcard stamps to this project! They are only 32¢ but can add up!**

Second, the Brandon Food Shelf called us hoping we would do a food drive. We agreed. Students set a goal of two bags of groceries per classroom. Ms. Grodin has sweetened the deal saying if students fill 10 bags, she will dye her hair Legend blue!



Completed random notes of kindness ready for stamps!

Shakespeare at Leicester

This year the Town Hall Theater of Middlebury's *Shakespeare, It's Elementary!* program is teaching our 4-6 students *King Lear*. This week students discussed and worked on "trust". The activity included a challenging obstacle course that one student had to walk through in two minutes blindfolded. This student was allowed only verbal guidance from a partner. Morgan and Vicky were the only team who successfully completed the course. Morgan explained how she had to trust Vicky to lead her and listen very carefully.

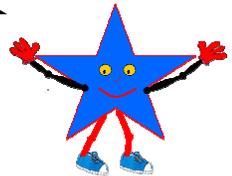
Our student actors explained there is an actual character in *King Lear* named Gloucester who is blinded and must trust his son to lead him through the forest. On the one hand, students learned what it would be like to play this character. On the other hand, students mentioned that they were going to have a challenging scene in the play and that they were all going to have to trust and listen to each other to be successful. Sounds like a great lesson!



It's Cold!

Be sure children have layers of clothes and hats and mittens. If you are looking for a way to beat the cold, the school rents XC skis and snow shoes for \$5 over the weekend. Please ask Mrs. Randall if you are interested.

Being kind is like being compassionate. Legends shine when they are kind!



Mark Your Calendars

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| 1/28 | Rock 'n Roll Band Practice CANCELLED |
| 1/29 | 3-6 Ski Trip |
| | Leicester <i>Alive!</i> - Winter Kaleidoscope, Harvest |
| 1/31 | Leicester <i>Alive!</i> - Winter Kaleidoscope |
| 2/1 | Harvest |
| 2/4 | Rock 'n Roll Band Practice |
| 2/5 | PK-2 XC Ski Trip, Read w/ Brewski, 5/6 to Castleton |
| | Leicester <i>Alive!</i> - Winter Kaleidoscope, Harvest |
| 2/7 | Leicester <i>Alive!</i> - Winter Kaleidoscope |
| 2/8 | Harvest |