

# KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER 21



Due to hurricane days, students began the second nine-week grading period on Friday. Your student's grades for the first nine weeks will be posted on Wednesday, October 23rd. Next week, we will announce the students who made the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the first nine weeks!

On Monday, students will receive their school identification badges. For safety and security reasons, students are required to wear their badges at all times while on campus. Replacement badges cost \$3.00.

School badges must be visible when entering school grounds.

Congratulations to our Kennedy Boys' Basketball team for their thrilling 53-51 victory against Central Middle School in a sold-out game on Thursday! Special congratulations to Israel, John, Devon, Matt, Elliyah, Aiden, Perry, Payton, Jordan, Nathan, Nicholas, Ahmad, Carter, and Cyrus. A heartfelt thank you to our Head Coach, Jessie Capell; Assistant Coach, Todd Zgnoc; Team Mom, Mrs. Hall; and our Athletic Director, Mr. Reed. Our school and community are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication you have all shown over the past nine weeks.

Congrats on an outstanding, undefeated season!

Tomorrow, join us at Texas Roadhouse for our KMS Spirit Night. This week, we celebrate Red Ribbon Week. We encourage all students to participate in the dress-up days. On Friday, we host our Halloween Dance—be sure to buy your ticket during lunch. We look forward to another exciting week! Go Panthers!



# STUDENT SCHOOL HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9:30 AM – 4:15 PM  
FRIDAYS: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

OUR MISSION: WE ARE COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING AN EDUCATIONAL STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS THAT WILL MOTIVATE AND EMPOWER STUDENTS TO BECOME LIFELONG LEARNERS AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.



OUR VISION: OUR COMMUNITY SHARES A COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION THAT CHALLENGES AND MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL.

# PANTHERS ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICE

## CIVICS + AVID

MS. GERGES MONDAY + WEDNESDAY 4:30 P.M.

## CIVICS

MRS. JENSEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00-8:30 A.M.

## MATH

MS. KRIEGER TUESDAY + THURSDAY 4:30 P.M.

## HISTORY + CIVICS

MR. MURPHY MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M./4:30 P.M.

## ELA + CIVICS

MS. ROGERS TUESDAY + WEDNESDAY 4:30 P.M.

## MATH

MR. REED MONDAY, WEDNESDAY + FRIDAY 4:30 P.M.



# PANTHER PRIDE AWARD



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
CHARLIE & JORDYN FOR  
RECEIVING OUR PANTHER  
PRIDE AWARDS OF THE  
WEEK!



STUDENTS RECEIVE A PANTHER PRIDE AWARD BY BEING NOMINATED BY OUR STAFF OR TEACHERS FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND WHILE AT SCHOOL. THOSE WHO ARE GIVEN THE AWARD WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AND A CHOICE BETWEEN A FREE ICE CREAM OR A "FRONT OF THE LUNCH LINE" PASS.



# MR. ADAM'S SCIENCE CLASSES

**Spotlight  
On...**



DID YOU HEAR THE FALCON HEAVY LIFT OFF FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER? WELL, MR. ADAM'S SCIENCE STUDENTS HAD THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT NASA'S MISSION TO JUPITER.

ALL KENNEDY STUDENTS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STOP IN DURING THEIR LUNCH TO CHECK OUT THE WONDERS OF NASA'S EXPLORATION OF JUPITER.



## KENNEDY'S LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

PRESENTED BY AVID

LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AROUND BREVARD COUNTY.

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED:

OCTOBER 21 – COCOA H.S. (CTE)

OCTOBER 28 – ROCKLEDGE H.S. (CAMBRIDGE)

OCTOBER 29 – ROCKLEDGE H.S. (JROTC)

NOVEMBER 1 – COCOA BEACH JR/SR H.S.  
(IB & CTE)

NOVEMBER 6 & 7 – ROCKLEDGE H.S.  
(FOOD PREP)

NOVEMBER 13 – VIERA H.S. (ACADEMIES)

MORE DATES TO COME...



PERMISSION FORM IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

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# FROM OUR PTO BOARD

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 8:30AM IN ROOM 409.  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 8:30AM IN ROOM 409.

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO THE PTO WITH QUESTIONS, IDEAS, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED. OUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS [KENNEDYPANTHERSPTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KENNEDYPANTHERSPTO@GMAIL.COM)

THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S UNDERSTANDING TO POSTPONE OCTOBER'S PTO MEETING. THE RESCHEDULED DATE IS THIS FRIDAY. WE HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND ONE OR BOTH DATES.

MS. JENSEN'S FOURTH PERIOD HAS A SOLID LEAD FOR OCTOBER'S BOX TOPS CONTEST. THERE ARE STILL 11 DAYS LEFT IN THE CONTEST. SEPTEMBER'S WINNERS, MS. MATHIEU'S CLASS RECEIVES THEIR DONUT PARTY THIS WEEK.

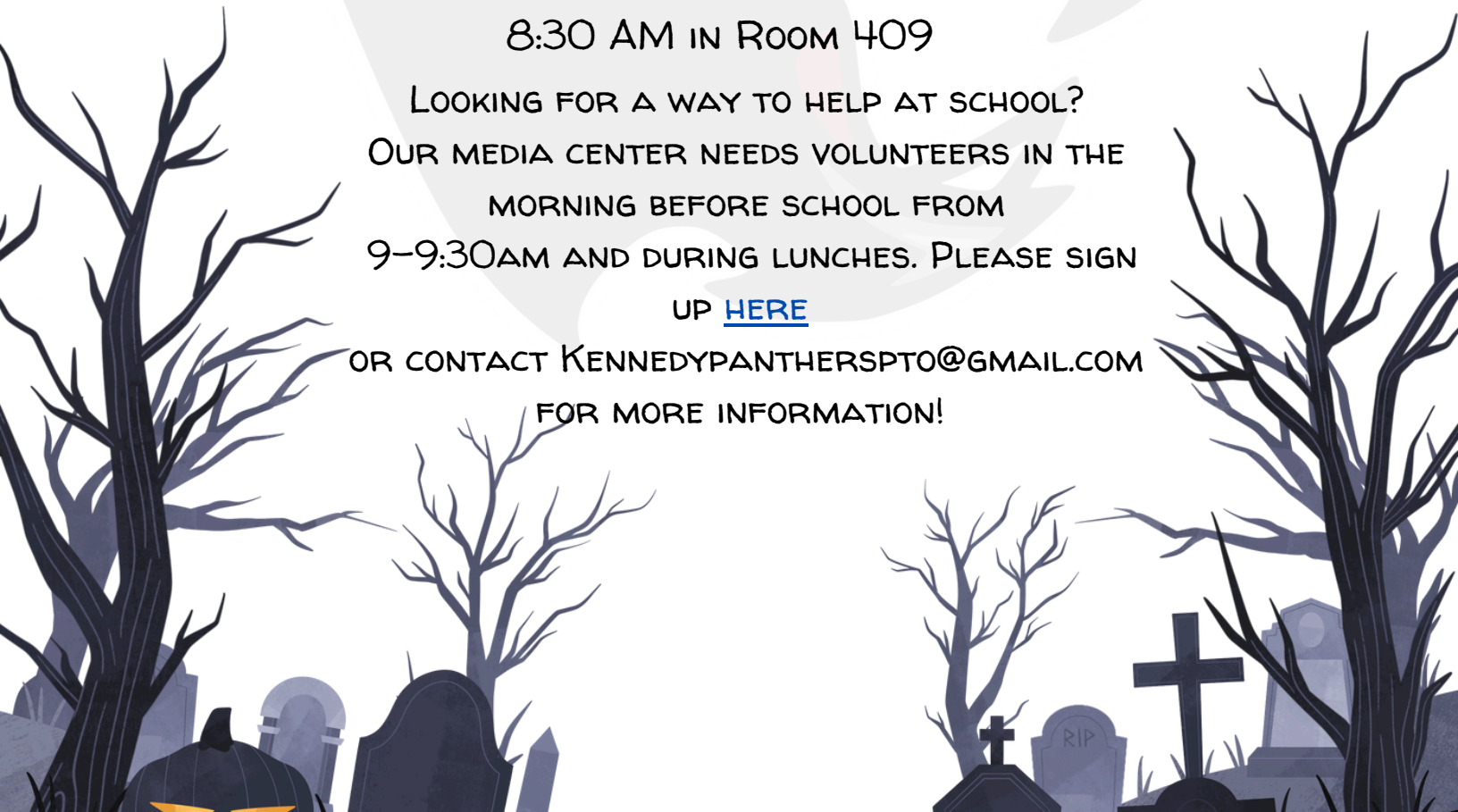
SO KEEP SCANNING THOSE RECEIPTS FOR [Box Tops](#).  
REFERRAL CODE SH1X21QH

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOL!

## SAC

NEXT SAC MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH  
8:30 AM IN ROOM 409

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP AT SCHOOL?  
OUR MEDIA CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS IN THE  
MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL FROM  
9-9:30AM AND DURING LUNCHES. PLEASE SIGN  
UP [HERE](#)  
OR CONTACT [KENNEDYPANTHERSPTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KENNEDYPANTHERSPTO@GMAIL.COM)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION!



# 2024-2025

# BETA CLUB INDUCTION



OCTOBER 16

PRINCIPAL OWENS & CAMBRIDGE COORDINATOR & BETA CLUB SPONSOR, MS. SWEENEY WELCOMED 42 NEW BETA CLUB MEMBERS. THESE STUDENTS PLEDGED TO UPHOLD THEIR GRADES AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.





# "BOO"K COLLECTION

PANTHERS MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

STUDENT COUNCIL CONTINUES TO COLLECT BOOKS FOR FAMILIES  
AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES. COLLECTION ENDS OCTOBER 31.  
TURN IN BOOKS TO MS. JENSEN'S ROOM 505.



## PANTHERS AT MANATEE FALL FESTIVAL



KMS STUDENTS & FACULTY HAD A FANTASTIC TIME  
VOLUNTEERING AT MANATEE ELEMENTARY'S  
ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL!. WE ENJOYED HANDING OUT  
CANDY TO ALL THE PRINCESSES & GOBLINS, CREATING  
BUBBLES, & CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES. A BIG THANK  
YOU TO MANATEE FOR INVITING US ONCE AGAIN –  
THIS EVENT IS ALWAYS A HIGHLIGHT.





# "SOCK"TOBER



BETA CLUB WILL HOST A "SOCK-TOBER" EVENT TO BENEFIT THE BREVARD HOMELESS COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE IN NEED.

THE IDEA OF "SOCK-TOBER" IS TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING:

- **BRAND NEW SOCKS FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

EACH 1ST PERIOD TEACHER WILL BE GIVEN A SOCK BAG. THE CLASS WITH THE MOST SOCKS DONATED WILL GET A DUNKIN DONUTS AND OJ BREAKFAST PRIZE! THE EVENT WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 21 TO NOVEMBER 4. THE SOCKS WILL BE DONATED TO THE AGAPE CENTER ON MERRITT ISLAND AND THE CENTRAL BREVARD SHARING CENTER.

PLEASE JOIN THE BETA CLUB IN DONATING SOCKS—IT TRULY IS A WORTHY CAUSE AND IT FEELS GOOD MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

**PANTHERS MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**





# RED RIBBON WEEK

RED RIBBON WEEK IS A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND PROMOTING DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLES AMONG YOUTH. IT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO MAKE HEALTHY, POSITIVE CHOICES AND REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING DRUG-FREE TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS.



## RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday the 21st through Friday the 25th



**Monday(10/21): Wear Red Day**  
Better Red than Dead!



**Tuesday(10/22): Twin Day**  
Double the fun none of the Drugs.

**Wednesday(10/23): Anything but a Backpack**  
Carry anything but drugs.



**Thursday(10/24): Soccer mom Vs BBQ dad**  
Don't let drugs cook you.



**Friday(10/25): Costume day**  
Costumes are cool drugs are not.  
\*no masks or anything resembling a weapon\*



**FOR THE WIN!!**

**CHAMPIONS!**



**KENNEDY PANTHERS WIN  
SECOND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BOYS BASKETBALL TITLE  
IN THREE YEARS**



**PANTHERS WIN THRILLER  
OVER CENTRAL 53-51**

# **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

**FEATURING THE  
HAUNTED HALLWAY!**



**TICKETS COST \$6**

**PIZZA, SNACKS, & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**TICKETS ON SALE OCT. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 DURING ALL LUNCHESES**

**MUST SUBMIT PERMISSION SLIP IN ORDER TO PURCHASE TICKET.**

**YOU MAY BUY TICKETS AT THE DOOR, BUT MUST HAE PERMISSION SLIP WITH YOU IT NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED.**

**KMS STUDENTS ONLY - MUST HAVE ID!**

**MUST BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN 9PM**

**NO MASKS (FACE PAINTING,  
STITCHES, ETC. OKAY)**

**DROP OFF:  
BUS LOOP**

**PICK UP:  
CAR LOOP**



**NO WEAPONS! NOT EVEN  
FAKE ONES**

**NOTHING  
RISQUE/  
INAPPROPRIATE**

**PERMISSION FORM NEEDED: [PRINT HERE](#)**

# Weeks-at-a-Glance

## MON, OCT. 21

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
LUNCH & LEARN (STUDENTS ONLY): COCOA H.S. CTE & OTHER PROGRAMS (MEDIA CENTER)  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE: 4:30 PM – 5:20 PM (BACK FIELD)  
SOCCER PARENT MEETING: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM (CAFETERIA)  
TEXAS ROADHOUSE SPIRIT NIGHT: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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## TUE. OCT. 22

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (BACK FIELD)

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## WED. OCT. 23

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (BACK FIELD)  
GIRLS BASKETBALL AWARD CEREMONY: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (CAFETERIA)

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## THUR. OCT 24

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING: 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM (ROOM 505)  
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB: 4:25 PM – 5:30 PM (ROOM 702)  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM (BACK FIELD)

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## FRI, OCT. 25

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
PTO MEETING – 8:30 AM – ROOM 409 (MAKE UP FROM HURRICANE MILTON)  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
ROBOTICS CLUB: 8:10 AM – 9:00 AM (ROOMS 704 & 703)  
FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS: 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM (MEDIA CENTER)  
HALLOWEEN DANCE FEATURING THE HAUNTED HALLWAY: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
(COMMONS/CAFETERIA/500WING)



# Weeks-at-a-Glance

## MON, OCT. 28

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
LUNCH & LEARN (STUDENTS ONLY): ROCKLEDGE H.S. CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM (MEDIA CENTER)  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER: GAME @ MADISON (AWAY) – GAME STARTS: 5:30 PM –GIRLS PLAY FIRST

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## TUE. OCT. 29

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
LUNCH & LEARN (STUDENTS ONLY); ROCKLEDGE H.S. JROTC (MEDIA CENTER)  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (BACK FIELD)

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## WED. OCT. 30

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
AVID 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO UNF: 8:00 AM  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER: GAME @ JEFFERSON (AWAY) – GAME STARTS: 5:30 PM –BOYS PLAY FIRST

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## THUR. OCT 31

STUDENT COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES  
BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING: 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM (ROOM 505)  
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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB: 4:25 PM – 5:30 PM (ROOM 702)  
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM (BACK FIELD)

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## FRI, NOV. 1

BETA CLUB SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS  
ROBOTICS CLUB: 8:10 AM – 9:00 AM (ROOMS 704 & 703)  
LUNCH & LEARN (STUDENTS ONLY): COCOA BEACH JR/SR H.S. IB & CTE PROGRAM (MEDIA CENTER)  
SCIENCE RESEARCH: 3:00 PM – 5 PM (ROOM 513)  
FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS: 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM (ROOM 514)



# HONESTY

Parent Resource

## What is honesty?

Honesty means telling the truth.

As your child gets older, honesty will continue to be a valuable characteristic. It is important for your child to learn how to be honest and to communicate in a respectful, kind and truthful manner.

In grades six through eight, children begin or continue:

- ✓ Discussing how character is shaped by attitudes, decisions and actions.
- ✓ Learning to understand and navigate complex situations.
- ✓ Establishing supportive and lasting friendships.

Below are ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate honesty:

### CREATE A SPACE TO MAKE MISTAKES

Create a space for children to be able to make mistakes and learn from them. Discuss with your child the importance of owning up to mistakes and practicing honesty when it is difficult.

### DISCUSS CHOICES AND OUTCOMES

You want your child to come to you and tell you if he or she did something wrong, is in a difficult situation or is experiencing peer pressure. Emphasize that you will always help your child no matter the mistakes they make, and discuss different choices and possible outcomes for any current challenges your child may be facing.

## TOPICS TO CONSIDER DISCUSSING WITH YOUR CHILD:



Describe the importance of empathy, kindness, honesty and trust in building and sustaining relationships.



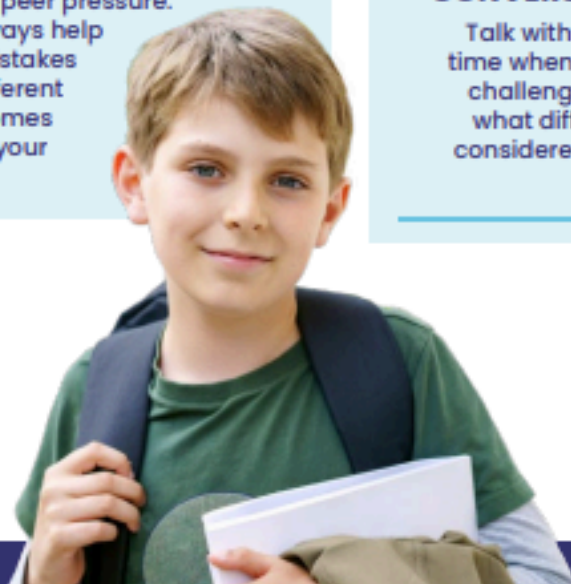
Discuss ways a leader can build trust with individuals and groups.



### DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION STARTER

Talk with your child about a time when being honest was a challenge for you. Describe what different choices you considered and the outcome.

BY ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO BE HONEST, YOU CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE HONESTY IS PRACTICED, EXPECTED AND APPRECIATED.





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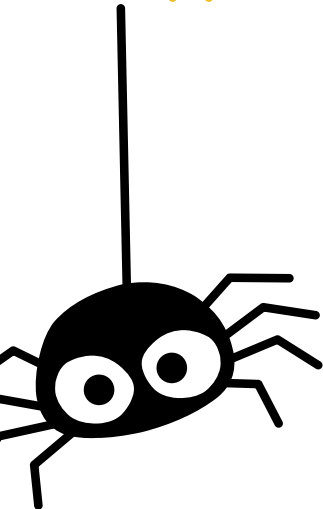
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