

KICK OFF FOR CHARACTER

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to highlight BCMS's spirited commitment to a positive and inclusive school climate. From September 22-29, students will participate in a weeklong *Kick Off for Character* and from October 3-6 in New Jersey's statewide initiative, the *Week of Respect*. All classes will take part in a Guidance lesson that will introduce the six pillars of character: *Wisdom, Courage, Humanity, Transcendence, Justice, and Temperance* (Moderation). Lessons will also incorporate a discussion about acceptance of diversity and will promote the celebration of our school community's commitment to a positive and welcoming climate. *Week of Respect* activities will take place in October.

The *optional* dress for the spirit days of the *Kick Off* are as follows:

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| Friday, September 22 | Wear sunglasses for Wisdom |  |
| Monday, September 25 | Wear super hero tees for Courage |  |
| Tuesday, September 26 | Wear Red for Humanity |  |
| Wednesday, September 27 | Wear a <i>funny</i> hat for Transcendence |  |
| Thursday, September 28 | Wear Team Jersey for Justice |  |
| Friday, September 29 | Wear a tie for Temperance |  |

The *optional* themes for the **WEEK of RESPECT** are as follows:

Tuesday,
October 3

Wear White for Peace
Show RESPECT for peace and understanding!



Wednesday,
October 4

Wear green for the earth
Show RESPECT for the environment!



Thursday,
October 5

Wear mis-matched clothes
Show RESPECT for differences!



Friday,
October 6

Dress up (NOT costumes)
Show RESPECT for your future!

Monday,
October 30

Wear RED DAY
Celebrate *Red Ribbon Week* and healthy living!

