

“Being a role model is the most powerful form of educating....” John Wooden  
“Being a role model is a privilege.” Allyson Felix

It is a privilege to be a role model for each other and our students! I appreciate all of you for taking the opportunity to slow down, breathe, and model expectations and care for our students. My view of life is that everything provides us a learning opportunity and being a good example of how to do life well is one of the best ways we teach others.

Ongoing learning opportunities:

- Volunteering
- Encouraging when times are tough
- Smiling when someone is needing a friend
- Using our words to lift up, not tear down
- Modeling and following school rules –playground, lunchroom, drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Talk with your students and encourage them to tell you about times they are being a positive role model in school. These are the moments that bring out the best of our humanity.

**Celebrations:**

Accountability and DEC/PTA were well-attended with many new families getting involved. Accountability presentation and minutes will be posted online tomorrow.

Run4Funds – I don’t have the exact total at this point, but I know we set a new record. Thank you to you and your children for working so hard and contributing to such a successful event. Funds will go towards helping with future instruction resources, textbooks, and support for student learning. Thank you, to Jenny Meade, DEC/PTA for your ongoing support!

**Upcoming:**

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Good Night Dennison – bring your children for an evening of fun, centered around literacy.

Next week – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> Students are off for Fall Break

**Reminders:**

Please continue to access the [Dennison website](#), our [marquee](#), and [Peach Jar](#) which is our main communication tool for DEC/PTA news, community events, etc.

**DEC (PTA) NEWS:**

***Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and***

***Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>***

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are approaching - involve your children in conversations about their daily school experiences so you can share celebrations with the teachers.

Anjali Giri and Jo White are planning the teacher conference dinners this year. Conference dates are Monday, October 21, 2019 and Wednesday, October 23, 2019. They would appreciate any assistance

you may be able to give. Dinner for the teachers is from 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for 40 people. Please let them know if you have any questions or concerns. Here is the SignUp Genius link:

Please copy and paste into your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094FADA923ABFB6-teacher>

If you would like to contribute a monetary donation, please drop it off at the front desk, "Attention: Teacher Conferences", by Monday October 21, 2019. Thank you.

**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Reflections Open House** - We are so excited to invite you to our Reflections opening reception at Dennison's cafeteria on Thursday, October 24th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. A presentation of literature, dance, film, and music will begin at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, awards will be announced, and participating students will receive prizes. We are looking forward to celebrating the amazing creative talent of our Dennison students with you!

**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Daybreak with Dad** - Please join the PTA for this year's Daybreak with Dad at 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. We look forward to starting the day with you over coffee and some goodies and providing a forum for you to meet fellow dads of Dennison students. Plus, you'll have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom to see first-hand the great things they are learning. For those Dads that have students in afternoon kindergarten, we will see you at 12:40 p.m. The transportation lot will be open for parking. Please do not park on the street areas marked no parking. See you there!

Enjoy the upcoming weekend.

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***"We rise by lifting each other"***