

# *East Greenwich Township Schools*

## Community Update

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Dear EG Families,

We continue to reflect on our instructional practices and ways we can incorporate more opportunities for high quality instruction. In the next few weeks, we anticipate new health and safety guidance will be provided, and we anticipate a downward trend in positive community cases. This information, along with feedback from our school community, will be used to develop our instructional plan through the end of the school year.

Initially we plan to provide more live, synchronous instruction to our hybrid students on their remote learning days. We are currently working to support potential technology issues, as well as support the transition to engaging learners in this model. Over the next few weeks, our upper grade Samuel Mickle students will begin piloting live instruction to hybrid students on their remote learning days, and then this initiative will be expanded downward through the grade levels in the following weeks. More information will be provided shortly.

A parent survey will also be shared next week, and we ask for your feedback to assist us in shaping our plans. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support, and we look forward to continued collaboration.

Please continue reading below to learn more about the great things happening in our district.  
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Sincerely,  
Andrea Evans



## Animal Shelter Donation Drive

The Samuel Mickle School Lunch Bunch is sponsoring an animal shelter donation drive to support local shelters. Many boxes of pet food, treats, toys, blankets and cleaning supplies have already been collected. There's still time if you would like to donate! Please bring your donation to the Samuel Mickle School main entrance by 3:00pm on Friday, February 12th.



# The Great Kindness Challenge

## VIRTUAL CLASSROOM EDITION

### Your Kindness Matters

We challenge you to complete as many acts of kindness as you can.

Have fun and smile big knowing that you are changing the world for good!

### Kind Acts

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Smile at 25 people</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Place a nice note on a family member's pillow</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sincerely compliment 5 people</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pick up 10 pieces of trash in your neighborhood</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bond with your classmates with a <u>Scavenger House Hunt</u> game</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be kind to yourself &amp; eat a healthy snack</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn something new about your teacher</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be kind to yourself &amp; create an <u>I Am</u> poster</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Draw a picture &amp; give it to someone</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leave a flower on someone's doorstep</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be kind to yourself &amp; take a <u>Breather Break</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cut out &amp; decorate a <u>Happy Heart</u> &amp; place in a window</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Entertain someone with a happy dance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be kind to yourself &amp; do 10 one-minute exercises</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List 10 things you are grateful for</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make &amp; display a thank you sign for essential workers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Show appreciation to a counselor or mentor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a wish for a child in another country</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Write a note of friendship for <u>The Great Toy Giveaway</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Send a thank you to your superintendent</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make &amp; deliver a happy card to a senior friend</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn something new about a different culture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Write a thank you note to your mail carrier</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invent a kind handshake with a family member</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Donate toys, clothes or books to a charity or someone in need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make &amp; display 10 positive notes around your house</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read a book to a younger child</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Call or video chat your grandparent or esteemed elder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Step up for someone in need</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make &amp; display a <u>KINDNESS MATTERS</u> sign</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Say "hi" or cheer someone up who looks sad</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Decorate a kindness rock &amp; randomly place it</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make 10 Love Links for <u>Kindness Unites Paperchain</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pat yourself on the back</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Embrace your family with a big hug</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take a family walk and look for <u>Happy Hearts</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learn to say "hello" in a new language</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Show appreciation to your principal creatively</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be kind to the earth &amp; make a cardboard creation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make a friendship gift for someone new to you</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recycle your trash</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Go a whole day without complaining &amp; use only positive words for the entire day</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find something you have in common with a classmate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tell a current or past teacher how they've inspired you</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare a healthy meal or snack for a loved one</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Say "sorry" to someone you may have hurt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tell a joke &amp; make someone laugh</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bond with your classmates &amp; play a <u>Virtual Game of Tag</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Raise funds for a cause you care about</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create your own kind act</li> </ul>
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### #GreatKindnessChallenge

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## *The Great Kindness Challenge*

The Great Kindness challenge is a national event dedicated to promoting a culture of kindness on school campuses. Your child is encouraged to complete as many acts of kindness as possible to show the world that kindness matters! How many acts of kindness can our EG Hornets complete in one week? Students' checklists are due Tuesday, February 16th, and our school counselors will tally our kind acts. Thank you to our school counselors for organizing these activities.

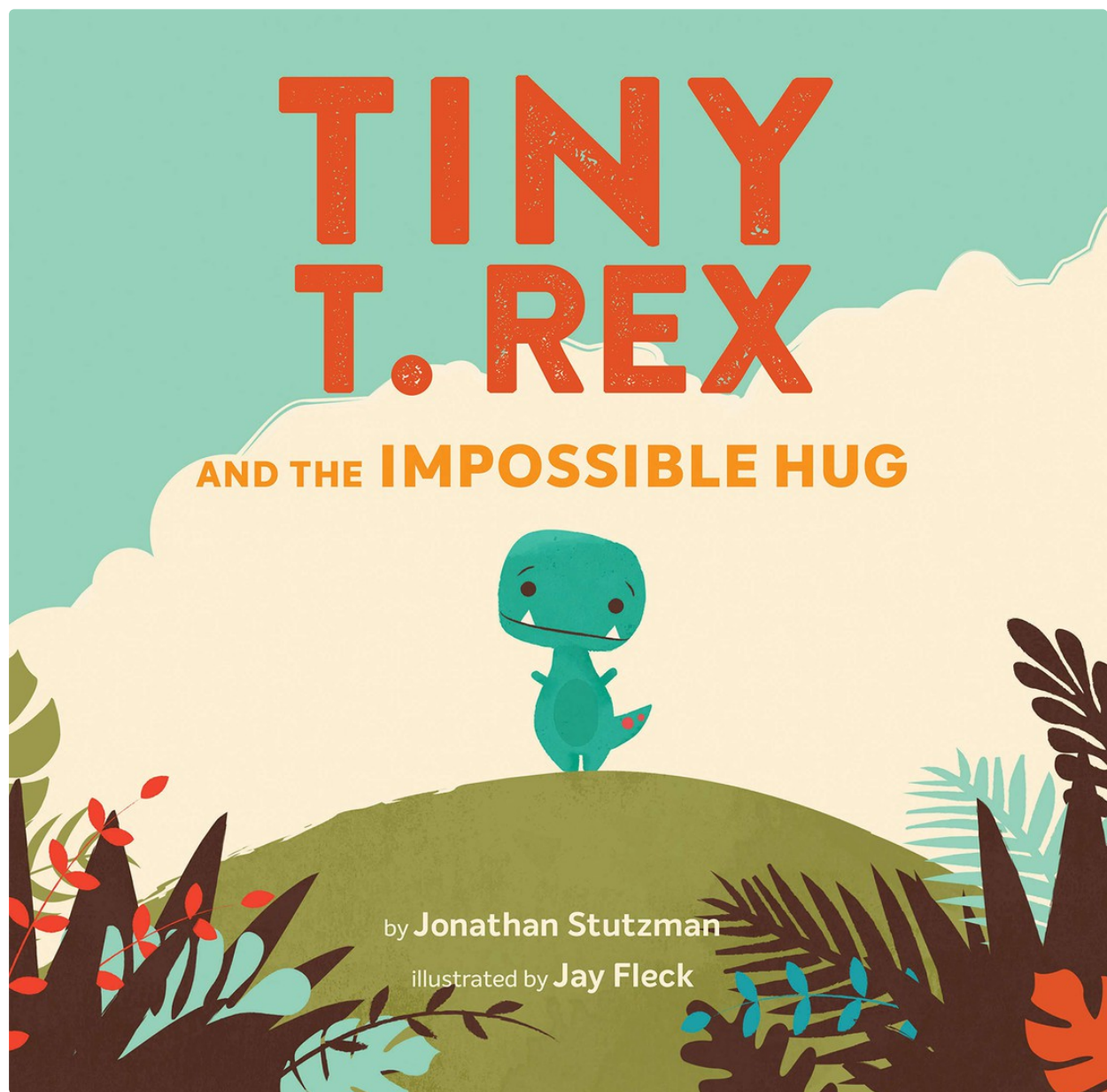


## *#Hornets Write On Time Capsule Ceremony*

In honor of National Writing Day, our Hornets were encouraged to write or draw about their experiences during the pandemic and their hopes for the future. On February 10th, our student, staff and community reflections were buried in a time capsule ceremony.

Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Hunt for organizing this special event. Thank you to Chief Brenner, Mayor Archer and Board President Mr. Jones for participating in the ceremony.

A recording of the event will be shared with students during morning announcements next week. We look forward to opening the time capsule in 2025!



### *Jeffrey Clark School Author Visit*

Our Jeffrey Clark School library media specialist, Mrs. Wordelmann, arranged a virtual visit from author Jonathan Stutzman. Over 100 families participated in this special event! Students had the opportunity to ask Mr. Stutzman questions. Here are 2 examples of our students' questions:

1. What book did you make the most mistakes on?
2. What's the hardest thing about writing a book?

As Tiny T. Rex says, "To do the impossible you must plan and practice. Practice, practice, practice."  
Thank you Mrs. Wordelmann!

### *Welcome Mr. Jeffrey Miller-McGrail, Supervisor of Instruction*

Mr. Jeffrey Miller-McGrail will officially join the district on Tuesday, February 16th as our Supervisor of Math, Science, Social Studies and SOAR. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Miller-McGrail to his new role. Below is a letter of introduction from Mr. Miller-McGrail.



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