

GODWIN SCHOOL

CITIZENSHIP

Coins for Kindness

Godwin School will sponsor a fundraiser for the citizens of Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria. Grade levels will compete by filling water jugs with spare change brought from home. *Extra recess for the grade level that raises the most money.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Students are always encouraged to perform acts of kindness and most especially during the week of February 12-16. Bestowing kindness upon others makes both people feel content and rewarded. Students caught being kind will be sent to my office for a kindness award.

Wear Pink Day

On Wednesday, February 28, Godwin students are encouraged to wear PINK to take a stand against bullying. This event started in Nova Scotia when a 9th grade boy was bullied for wearing a pick shirt to school. Fortunately his classmates rallied by wearing pink shirts of their own as a formal protest against bullying.



GODWIN STUDENTS GIVE BACK

February marks the month that Godwin students will celebrate the character trait of Citizenship. At our School Spirit Assembly on February 2, students will learn what it means to be a good citizen. According to Character Counts, the character trait citizenship means: do your share to make your school and community better, cooperate, get involved in community affairs, be a good neighbor, obey laws and rules, respect authority, and volunteer. This month, the Godwin students will try and live up to many of those ideals.

First, the students will learn about the devastation left behind by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. We will discuss how the citizens of





Meet Patty Zarpaylic

Patty Zarpaylic has been teaching preschool for 24 years at Godwin School (1 year in kindergarten). For many of us, the words Patty and preschool are synonymous. We couldn't imagine our preschool class without Patty Zarpaylic. Let's learn a little bit more about Patty's life and what makes her smile.

Patty and her husband, Larry have been married for 33 years and have two beautiful children, LJ 31 years old and Caprese 28 years old. Their dog, Jovi, named after her idol, Bon Jovi, brings her such joy and comfort after a long day at school.

Patty loves to vacation in the islands, Turks and Caicos, Cancun, Cayman, and the Caribbean. Because of her love of the beach, she most recently bought a beach condo at the Jersey Shore. She enjoys lazing on the sand and swimming in the ocean...calm water preferred.

Like most teachers, Patty reads in her free time and prefers suspense thrillers. She participates in book clubs for the camaraderie and intellectual stimulation. Patty loves being the first teacher a student has upon entering school. She gets to be creative and plan hands-on activities for the students to develop a multitude of skills. She works collaboratively with her team of colleagues. They know each other so well they could finish each other's sentences. It is a well oiled machine.

Puerto Rico are part of the United States and need our help. Therefore, the School Climate Committee, is sponsoring a fundraiser, **Coins for Kindness** to raise money for **Heart to Heart International**. *Mission Statement: Heart to Heart International is improving global health through humanitarian initiatives that connect people and resources to a world in need. We have a global mission to create a healthier world. Every year, we make a positive impact in the lives of millions of people in more than 60 countries, including the United States. We help volunteers and partners alike make a quality humanitarian connection to a world in need. In Puerto Rico, volunteers have been providing medical care in hospitals, clinics, shelters, and in homes of people unable to leave. HHI is responding with medicine, hygiene supplies, and delivering food and water from FEMA.* Please join us in our mission to help others in need and teach our students empathy.

Moving forward, the first Friday of every month will be our School Spirit Assembly. Students are encouraged to wear their Midland Park apparel or green clothing to show their school spirit. Each month we will highlight a character trait and have second grade students join in the presentation. Students will learn about the following traits: Fairness, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, and Caring. Every month, I will share information about the assembly so you may reinforce the concepts at home. Thank you for partnering with Godwin School to educate the whole child.

