



Ms. Liquori Lafayette School Counselor

**October
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RESPECT**

Lions of the Month

This year two students from each classroom will be recognized as Lion of the Month for exhibiting the monthly featured characteristic. Students will have their names announced and their picture displayed within the school and on Lafayette's website as well as a certificate showcasing their award.

This month's trait is **Respect**. Lafayette has been celebrating respect throughout the month of October.

Some highlights this month are:

Week of Respect (October 5th-7th)- Team building activities, classroom lessons on respect, morning announcements sharing quotes about respect and theme days uniting students to respect one another.

Power of One Assembly (October 18th) Students participated in an assembly which portrayed the roles played in a bullying situation and that each individual had the power to help and prevent it from occurring.

Cyber Safety/Cyber Bullying with Sergeant Jason (October 19th) - 4th and 5th grade students

***All students participated in a discussion regarding our Board HIB policy* Please click on link for additional information on our [HIB policy 5512](#)**



A few tips listed below to help your child understand what respect looks like:

Respectful replies. Think about something that you and your child disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his braid and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

Everyday acts. When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your child about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.

Bucket Filling. Lafayette continues to practice bucket filling throughout classrooms. It is an easy concept to understand: *Everyone carries an invisible bucket that hold our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad.* Children quickly understand that they can fill buckets when they do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring and respectful. They also learn that when they are mean, inconsiderate, uncaring or disrespectful, they dip into buckets and remove those good feelings. Even the youngest child understands that actions and words can either fill a bucket or dip into it. During this school year we are encouraging, reminding, and recognizing everyone's efforts to be bucket fillers at home, school, and everywhere they go. If you would like to learn more information about bucket filling, please visit the Bucket Fillers website, www.bucketfillers101.com.

Suggested book readings about respect:

- How Full is your Bucket? For Kids* by Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer
- The Berenstain Bears and the Golden Rule* (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights) by Mike Berenstain
- My Mouth Is a Volcano!* by Julia Cook
- What if Everybody did that?* by Ellen Javernick
- Spaghetti In a Hot Dog Bun* by Julia Cook
- Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners* by Laurie Keller

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the School Counselor, Ms. Liquori at bliquori@wayneschools.com or at 973-633-3165 X18.