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A Moment to Reflect

What a beautiful start to the school year we have had. Through the busyness and adapting to new routines, LP staff, students, and families have felt the overwhelming love of God exemplified through the body of Christ. Loss and grief strike unexpectedly, but the Son of Suffering is near, ever present, always comforting.

Mrs. Buss beautifully captures this month's focus in our Staff Spotlight, reflecting on Bennett Keeran's legacy of offering kindness to everyone he met. I pray these words offer encouragement, as we navigate the months ahead.

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September's Theme: Bullying Prevention & Kindness

For the month of September, we are reflecting on acting in kindness towards others in all aspects as a school family, as well as education on how to identify bullying and standing up for peers at school.



Bullying Prevention & Being Kind

From Pre-K to High School, Students can Share the Fruit of the Spirit of Kindness

Amanda Buss, LPCS Dean of Students

What Will Your Legacy Be?

At Lakewood Park Christian School, our prayer is that every student—from Kindergarten through 12th grade—knows they are loved by God, valued by our school family, and has a place where they belong. Every interaction matters. A smile in the hallway, an encouraging word, inviting someone to join you, or simply choosing kindness can make a difference in someone's day.

Recently, our school family lost a student, Bennett, who was only 14 years old. As people have shared memories of Bennett, one thing has been clear: everyone has something kind to say about him. His legacy is that he was kind to others and that he loved Jesus. His life reminds us that we may not realize the impact our everyday choices have on the people around us.

So, what will your legacy be? When people think of you, what will they remember? Will they remember someone who included others, encouraged people, stood up for what was right, and showed the love of Jesus? We each get to choose the kind of legacy we leave behind.

Be kind and compassionate to one another..."
- Ephesians 4:32

One of the ways we show kindness is by speaking up when someone is being mistreated. If you see bullying, repeated unkindness, threats, harassment, or someone being excluded, tell a trusted adult. That isn't being a snitch—it is being a protector. If you see something, say something. Helping someone is always the right thing to do.

Our ROARS expectations aren't just school rules—they are ways we live out our faith:

- **R – Respectful**: Treat others the way Jesus calls us to.
- **O – On Task & On Track**: Give your best effort.
- **A – Attitude in Check**: Choose gratitude, humility, and self-control.
- **R – Responsible**: Own your choices and do what's right.
- **S – Service Minded**: Look for ways to encourage and help others.

I want to challenge you to complete intentional acts of kindness. Open the door for someone, invite someone to play, stick up for someone that is being put down. You never know which small act of kindness someone will remember for the rest of their life.

Bennett's legacy reminds us that a life doesn't have to be long to make a lasting impact. What will your legacy be?



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How Parents can Support Peer Relations at Home

What is bullying?

Bullying is defined as unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner (including digitally or electronically), physical acts committed, aggression, or any other behaviors, that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student (Indiana Code 20-33-8-.2)

How can I support my child through conflict?

Learning and practicing conflict resolution skills are key to social development in children. Children may need adult assistance in working toward a solution with a problem, but it is not always developmentally helpful to personally intervene and solve the problem for them. This article from the Child Mind Institute offers tips for helping children (younger and older) through conflict. I encourage you to also read Mrs. Buss's words to your child and have a conversation on what kindness looks like at school.

How can I be an example of kindness for my children and others?

As we pursue a life modeling the example of Jesus, kindness and the Fruits of the Spirit can show that we are living in step with the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-26). Are we exemplifying the character we wish to see in our children and others? I encourage you to reflect on the following verses and ponder how we can implement these practices not just with our children, but with other family members, friends, school staff, church family, or anyone you interact with.

Eph 4:29-32; Col 3:12-14, 4:6; Micah 6:8; Rom 12:10; James 1:19; Prov 10:19, 15:1, 17:27

If you would like to learn more about the LPCS Bullying Policy and our response, please review the Parent/Student Handbook starting on Page 35. Handbook can also be found on the Panther Parent Hub on the school website at any time.

