

It's Think Before you Speak week!

We encourage students to wear specific colors to show support for a kinder, friendlier and safer school.

- Peaceable White **Thursday**: Wear WHITE for peaceful friendships and problem solving
 - **Friday: Pink Shirt Day**: Wear PINK to show that you agree to follow our no bullying pledge
- November 3rd: Pink Shirt Day Character Counts Programs

8:30 - 9:00 for 2, 3, 4 10:00 - 10:30 for Pre-K, K, 1

Pink Shirt Day. If your child does not have a pink shirt, but still wants to take a stand, please have them wear a white or black shirt. We will pass out pink stickers for any students who agree to follow the no bullying pledge. In order to be respectful of the message and seriousness of the day we ask that students participate by wearing a pink shirt, not costumes or head-to-toe pink.

We define bullying as when someone says or does mean or hurtful things to another person. It is repeated, on purpose, one-sided, and an imbalance of power exists. All of our K – 6 students learn the definition of bullying and our no bullying pledge, We use roleplays to practice how to “Recognize, Report and Refuse” bullying.

Our Olweus No Bullying Pledge states: “1. I will not bully others. 2. I will help students who are bullied. 3. I will include students who are left out. 4. If I know someone is being bullied, I will tell an adult at school and at home.”

We believe that our Pink Shirt Day is a simple yet powerful way to convey the message that we are all unified in opposition to bullying. We hope that you will support us in this activity.

We use both the Olweus program and the Second Step program in our bullying prevention program.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please call me at 753-4458 extension 3504 or email Beth McQueeney at bmcqueeney@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us.