



# TBS News & Information

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**TBS CARES! Care, Acceptance, Respect, Empathy, Safety**

## TidBits...

**Vie For The Kids Halloween Fundraiser** - Avon High School's Zac Spivak has started a Halloween fundraiser to support Vie for the Kids, a cancer research organization. Zac presented his plan at a TBS assembly and is asking students to help collect money when trick-or-treating. Zac will provide every student with a collection container and model for students how to ask for a donation. Look for the containers to come home with students on Halloween day. They must be returned to home rooms the next day. Thank you in advance for your support of our students and Zac's initiative.

**Mix-It-Up Day** - TBS students will have opportunity to get to know more classmates on Mix-It-Up Day this week. We will provide students with conversation starters and get-to-know-you activities to enable them to make new connections at lunch. To get in the spirit, students are encouraged to mix-and-match clothing on Tuesday.

### **Vision Screenings Grade 5 - November 13th**

The State of CT mandates that Vision Screenings be done for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Lions Club will be providing our preliminary vision screenings. A report and letter will be mailed home if your child **does not pass** the preliminary screening. If you do not want your child to have a vision screen done, please email our school nurse, Mrs. Farrell, at [efarrell@avon.k12.ct.us](mailto:efarrell@avon.k12.ct.us)



*Our Makerspace rubics cube project was completed Oct. 18th! TBS students solved 600 cube patterns that, when placed correctly, formed the image of Lady Liberty.*

## Setting Intentions at TBS

Each Monday at TBS, as part of our morning announcements, we encourage students to think ahead and set an intention or goal for their week. It could be a personal goal ("I will say 3 kind things to a new person"), an academic goal ("I will read 5 extra minutes each night") or any other goal aimed at personal improvement. Then, on Friday, we encourage students to reflect on their intention and think about how well they accomplished what was intended.

In the coming weeks we will present two lessons on setting intentions and reflection. Teachers will model the process and then ask students to create their own in writing. They will have opportunity to reflect again each Friday.

Our 'intention' is to build students capacity for planning and goal setting over time. Join us by asking your child about this process at home.

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## CARES Recognition

Each month TBS teachers recognize students who demonstrate leadership in the classroom and embody our core values of Care, Acceptance, Respect, Empathy, and Safety (CARES). Students are presented with certificates at a schoolwide assembly and then sign our "I Can Be A Leader" banner.

September CARES Award recipients are:

Kiernan Elliott	Ellie Smith
Nicolet Edge	Reagan Fabry
Aarika Biswas	Ethan Bisailon
Logan Royer	Maleah Cogle
LiyaTang	Reese Montminy
Lauren Titone	Tristan Gauvin
John Dwyer	Nicole Paszkowski
Saira Khan	Lane McGlinn
Anya Webb	Isha Vishwanath
Krishna Sinha	Nabeel Chasmawala
Abby Van Hoof	Alexis Melendez

## Lights On Avon Spirit Days

Lights On Avon is fundraising to purchase lights for the new turf field at Avon High School. To support this community effort, TBS's PTO will match all funds received from students on our 3 spirit days this month.

TBS Student Council planned days to help the effort. The first Friday students were encouraged to wear their favorite **sports team** apparel and make a monetary donation. Second Friday was **Neon Day** - wear any neon colors you may own. Friday, October 25th is **Character Day**, students may dress up as their favorite character from a book, movie, or show, and bring in a monetary contribution towards our goal. Attire must not include any weapons and needs to follow the school dress code.

Plan ahead to show your spirit and support Lights On Avon.

## Veterans Day - Photos Wanted

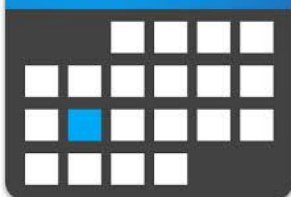
Local veterans will visit Avon schools on November 11th to take part in assemblies recognizing and honoring our veterans. As part of our TBS assembly, we would like to pay tribute to veterans related to members of our Thompson Brook community. We are asking that you send in the name and photo or copy of a family member or friend that has served in the armed forces (past and present) by Friday, November 1st. Photos will be posted around TBS in honor of our veterans. Details to come home soon.

## TBS School Picture **RETAKE** Day

**Wednesday, November 13th**



## Calendar



### TBS IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 5 Election Day, Professional Development for teachers, No School for students
- November 11 Veterans Day - School is in session!
- November 13 Picture Retake Day, Vision Screenings Grade 5