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Good News About Youth

In most things, we find what we're looking for. If we're looking for good humor, we end up laughing. If we're looking for signs of hope, we discover them. If we're looking for doom and gloom, we easily find that as well. And if we're looking for good news about young people, it abounds.

More and more, communities and organizations are recognizing what's right about youth. And it seems the evidence is multiplying. We find young people serving their communities, raising money for charity, and even bravely assisting their fellow Scouts when facing the aftermath of a tornado.

Young people are positively impacting social change—through their individual contributions, opportunities with organ-

ized groups, and also by speaking out about issues that matter to them. We're hearing new perspectives because young people are finding their voices and discovering that adults will listen.

But we have a long way to go. While some inspired young people have the desire to change the world for the better, they don't always have the tools or ability. That's where we as adults serve a vital role. With our help. Youth points of view that couldn't otherwise be shared—can. And ideas that would otherwise never be put into action—will.

Heather Wilder is an inspiring 14-year-old who was interviewed for the book "Empowering Youth: How to Encourage Young Leaders to Do Great Things. She is a

finalist in the Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame. A former foster child, she found her voice after her adoptive mother encouraged her to follow her impulse and write booklets to help foster children understand the foster care system. So often, a little encouragement goes a long way.

So, where will you look for good news about youth? Who will you empower today? You know what the gentle flap of a butterfly's wing can do ...



Article by Kelly Curtis of Positive Parent Involvement

Keys to Success

These are some basic pointers to help middle grade students succeed. Use the checklist to see how you are doing:

Student Checklist

- ⇒ I attend school every day unless I am sick
- ⇒ I arrive on time
- ⇒ I get 8 hours of sleep each night
- ⇒ I eat a healthy breakfast in the morning
- ⇒ I pay attention in class
- ⇒ I write down all of my assignments
- ⇒ I start projects when assigned
- ⇒ I complete all homework on time
- ⇒ I read for pleasure each day

Looking ahead:

- Picture Retakes
October 18th 1:00-2:00 pm
- Band & Choir Concert
Oct 18 2:15 PM
LCHS Auditorium
- NO School Oct 20 & 21
- 7/8 Dance Oct 28
7:30-10:00
- End of Quarter 1 Nov 2
- No School Nov 4
- Honor Roll Assembly
2:30 PM Nov 14 HS Aud

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Just a reminder that Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up in a few short weeks. Mark your calendars for Monday, November 14th for last names ending in A-L. Tuesday, November 15th

will be for last names M-Z. Of course, if you cannot make your particular night, please feel free to attend when you can. 5/6/7/8 grade conferences are on a "first come, first serve" format.

Each conference will last 7 minutes. There will be a sign up sheet outside each classroom. Remember, conferences will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm each evening.