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Kidder Community

**Description:**

I was chosen by my principal to be part of this leadership team. This team was organized to roll out a new program in the building. The idea behind the Kidder Community is to promote a sense of community pride within the building. We structured this to go along with the PBIS program already in place. The team meets once a month to organize the school wide community meetings focusing on teaching the students how to work together to achieve a common goal, doing “your” part, being helpful and kind, and showing respect to others.

**Impact:**

The impact this has is building wide. The students are for the most part confined to working with their classmates within their specific classroom. The idea behind this program is to mix all grade levels into one small community to learn how to work together for a common goal. This enables the students to get out of their comfort zone and meet new people and create new friendships. The older students work to help the younger students, which provides leadership roles for students that normally might not have this opportunity.

**Intent:**

I am proud of the work I am doing with this program. It is only in the first year but I am seeing the students start to bond together when I meet with my community. The older students are doing amazing. They step up and work with the younger kids and have really risen to the challenge. We are working on raising money and collecting needed supplies for a dog rescue organization. The students created different themes for this fundraiser and then voted to pick the one to use. The winning theme is called “Lemonade stand Up for Dogs”. The students created posters and are selling lemonade at lunch to raise funds. It is great to see all the different grade levels working with each other to help others. I think this will grow to become an integral part of our school.