

# KALLES JUNIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER

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*Kalles Mission Statement:*

*LEAD: Leadership, Empowerment, Accountability, Development*

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## Kalles Awarded “School of Distinction” ...3rd Year in a Row!

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### Important Dates!

- Nov. 7-18th—Food Drive
- Nov. 10th—Veteran’s Day Assembly, 8:15-9:15am
- Nov. 11th—Veteran’s Day, No School
- Nov. 24-25th—Thanksgiving Break, No School
- Dec. 6th—Doughnuts for Dads, 6:45am
- Dec. 19th-Dec.30th—Winter Break, No School
- Jan. 13th—MLK March, 8:15am
- Jan. 16th—MLK Jr. Day, No School
- Jan. 30th—End of 1st Semester

Dear Kalles Community:

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits! It is getting close to that time of the year where we celebrate those things that we are thankful for. One thing we need to keep in mind, as adults working for our kids, is that it is a community effort. We need to make sure that we continue to collaborate, as educators and as parents, so that our students achieve at their highest level.

As you know, student learning is our number one priority. Evidence of this came two years ago when Kalles Junior High was honored with the Washington State School of Distinction Award. This recognized Kalles as a “Great School” in the State of Washington, being among the top 5 percent of schools statewide who have demonstrated sustained academic achievement in reading and math. We then received it again, last year for the second year in a row. We are very proud to announce that we have once AGAIN been awarded a School of Distinction for the THIRD consecutive year! Kalles was one of only 3 junior highs in the state to receive this award for the 3rd consecutive time. Performance criteria used to select the winning schools is the same criteria used by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Each school had to have scored at or above the state average in math and reading on the 2011 Measurement of Student Progress (MSP). Schools that met that requirement were then evaluated for academic gains in both subjects as measured by five years of MSP test scores.

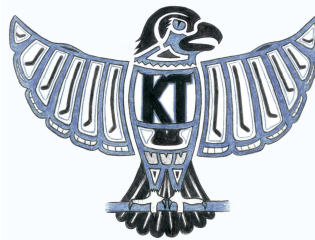
We are very proud of our staff and students for their hard work. We also want to extend our appreciation to you, as the parents, for encouraging your son/daughter to do their best, challenge themselves, complete their school work, and follow through with their responsibilities as student learners. In the end, it is a “team” effort. I want to continue to encourage you to support your student, communicate with them about their school work, and communicate with their teachers through email, phone, or HAC.

Mario Casello, Principal

### Doughnuts for Dads

Doughnuts for Dads is an annual event that allows dads to come to breakfast with their kids and enjoy some conversation and listen to our Jazz Band. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 6th. Breakfast, which is free for dads, will be served from 6:45-7:45 a.m. along with free doughnuts and coffee. Start your day off right and come meet some other Kalles’ dads.

### Tyee Pride



### Harassment Policy

The PSD has an anti-harassment policy that Kalles fully supports. All students and staff have been trained on this policy and are fully aware of the details. We want parents to know that if they have any questions or would like more information regarding the policy, please feel free to contact administration at (253) 841-8729.

## Preparing for Flu Season.....

As the flu season approaches, the Puyallup School District reminds students, employees, volunteers, and families that good health habits can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the seasonal flu. Health educators recommend:

- Washing hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub, especially before eating.
- Covering coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm, or sleeve instead of the hand.
- Avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Getting plenty of sleep.
- Drinking fluids and eating nutritious food. Don't share personal items like drinks, food, etc.
- Avoiding close contact with sick people.
- Staying home when sick. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends this fall that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine).
- Getting vaccinated for seasonal flu.

Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and fatigue. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea. Families are encouraged to plan ahead for child care in the event their children get sick and are unable to attend school.

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## News From the Counselors.....

The counselors will be visiting classrooms during second quarter. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mr. Williams and Mrs. Jordan will be visiting the health classes. Students start their four year plan as they finish their career unit. Half of the eighth graders have health this semester and the other half will have it second semester. Ask your eighth grader to see their four year plan. Four year plans are a part of the state graduation requirement. We do the plan in pencil because it is a fluid plan which we expect to change year to year. In the ninth grade, Mr. Williams will be visiting the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Life Issues classes where we will revisit the four year plans we started last year in health. We further explore the class offerings in high school which meet the graduation requirements. This prepares us for the registration process which will begin in February.

You are invited to **Freshman Parent Night** at Kalles

**When:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-11:15am or Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm-8:00pm

**Where:** Kalles Library

**Who:** All parents or guardians of 9<sup>th</sup> graders

**Presenter:** Dean Williams, freshman counselor at Kalles

**Why:** Learn about up-coming events and high school requirements:

Graduation, H.S.P.E.(new state test), College preparation, Registration for 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Come get answers to **YOUR** questions.

To come **R.S.V.P.** to **Dean Williams** at Kalles 841-8729 or Email: [williadh@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:williadh@puyallup.k12.wa.us)

*Lunch Bunch at Lunch.....*

*Mr. Williams has a great club at Lunch which meets once a week. First and third lunch students may check this out on Tuesdays and second lunch students should check out the bunch on Thursdays. Call or email Mr. Williams for further information*

## Kalles Fitness

As the weather changes and the temperatures get colder it is important that students dress accordingly for classes that take place outside. We will not be using the fields until after the first of 2012, but will continue to be outside on Fridays for our cardio endurance work. Students are encouraged to wear sweats, light jackets, gloves, stocking hats, and bring MP3 players for the runs. Thanks for your support and encouragement to your son/daughter for their fitness classes.

## Attendance Information

### Absences:

If your student is going to be absent all or part of the day, then please call 841-8729 to inform us of this absence. The office hours are 7:30-4:00 or you can leave a message on the office recorder before or after hours. IF WE DO NOT receive a call from a parent/guardian each day of the absence,

your student will be marked **unexcused** for that day. So, please make sure to communicate your student's status.

### Early Dismissals:

If your student will be leaving **before** the end of the school day, **PLEASE** send in a note with your student with the time and the reason for the dismissal. The student

will then receive an early release slip and will meet you in the office at the scheduled time. This procedure allows us not to interrupt the educational process by having to call into the classrooms during teaching time.

If you have any questions regarding attendance procedures, please give us a call!



## Ignite the Future

This spring the freshman class will have the opportunity to participate in "Ignite the Future." This career extravaganza is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th, 2012. This is a full day of activities designed to give students a step up for the future with job preparation skills and post high school options. There will be a variety of speakers from colleges and businesses, safe driving tips and a mock job interview with a community volunteer. The students will get ready for this event by creating resumes and filling out job applications in their Digitools class. They will also be taught how to "dress for success" and be prepped on interview questions and answers. Students that impress the interviewers with their skills will be entered into drawings for numerous donated prizes given away. If you would like to volunteer to help with this great day at Kalles, please contact Mr. Williams, freshman counselor.

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## Progress Report Dates for 2011/2012

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2010/2011

IPR 2 visible in HAC November 18th

IPR 3 visible in HAC January 3rd

Semester ends January 30<sup>th</sup>

Semester report cards will be distributed on  
February 8<sup>th</sup> 2011

Dates subject to change.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester dates

IPR 4 visible in HAC March 20th

IPR 5 visible in HAC April 24th

IPR 6 visible in HAC May 22nd

Semester ends June 18th

Semester report cards mailed home (date TBD)

Dates subject to change.

## The Caring Corner : Counselors at Kalles

Keva Jordan: seventh-grade counselor. She serves students Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Previous to coming to Kalles, Keva was the counselor at Spinning Elementary School. Dean Williams: eighth and ninth grade counselor. He has been a counselor at Kalles junior high for the past 25 years. Carol Walker: Secretary and data processor can help get your Home Access Account (H.A.C.) set up. This resource is a great help in tracking your student's progress. Call or e-mail her for help you may need to set up your account.

We encourage you to check out our swift websites attached to the Kalles website for further details on resources and upcoming events at Kalles junior high. Our doors, phones, and e-mail at the caring corner are always open for our students and parents. Let us know how we can serve you.

### COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP:

Free Money for College!

The College Bound Scholarship provides hope and incentive for students and families who otherwise might not consider college as an option because of its cost.

The amount of the scholarship will be based on tuition rates at Washington public colleges and universities and will cover the amount of tuition and fees (plus \$500 for books) not covered by other state financial aid awards.

Low-income 7th and 8th grade students who sign a pledge by June 30 of their 8th grade year are eligible. Students promise to graduate from high school, demonstrate good citizenship, and seek admission to a college or university

Contact your school counselor to sign up or go online at [www.heecb.wa.gov.collegebound](http://www.heecb.wa.gov.collegebound)

### VARSITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Each year, United Way of Pierce County partners with Pierce County schools to recognize and reward high school students for their volunteer efforts in the community. Students who volunteer 145 hours or more of service in a year can earn a school varsity letter, the same as those earned by athletes and musicians. We had a number of our freshman students earn this award last year and expect even more to pursue this award this year. For more information, please contact [Bethany Opstedal](mailto:Bethany.Opstedal@puyallup.k12.wa.us) at (253) 597-6685.

## Parent University Nights at Kalles....

On Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> the first presentation of "Kalles Parent University" was held. This first event titled, "You have your first IPR, now what?" shared information with those attending on a range of related topics. Dean Williams and Keva Jordan shared important dates for the school year, ways to access information about student's progress and sources for assistance available to parents and students. Renee Gilliam, Program Director for the Youth Investment Center, attended and shared how her YMCA supported center is available to junior high and high school teens for homework help, a safe place to be and activities. Billie Lane, Math Teacher at Kalles Junior High, shared resources for help with math homework and sites for additional practice on math topics. Michelle Windish, Kalles School Nurse, provided research on diet, sleep and impacts of technology on student's health which impact their achievement. Linda Westpfahl, School Psychologist, shared information from the Commonsensemedia.org highlighting advice and strategies for parents relating to impacts of technology on student's emotional growth, development and media safety. Video clips were shown from the website promoting positive media use and suggestions were shared as part of this event.

Kalles Parent University is an ongoing effort of the Kalles Caring Corner Team to provide presentations to parents on topics promoting positive emotional and physical health and social skills development with links to improve student achievement. Look for workshops from Kalles Parent University to share information about transition to the next level, positive health choices and other topics relating to promoting positive emotional and physical development of Kalles students. If you have a topic you would like to hear more on please share it with us by emailing your topic to either Dean Williams at [willliandh@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:willliandh@puyallup.k12.wa.us) or Keva Jordan at [jordankm@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:jordankm@puyallup.k12.wa.us)

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## Youth Investment Center Support

The Puyallup Youth Investment Center is a downtown after school program here in Puyallup. The Youth Center provides a healthy safe environment for all teens and help kids get connected to a variety of resources. The center is very involved in our schools in the valley. One way they are reaching out is through an after school program where kids can come to their center and receive assistance on their homework. The center is providing tutors which will help with math and English, specifically. In addition to this support, they are also providing some food and beverages for the kids. The fourth Wednesday of every month, Kalles' kids can go to the center between 3-6pm to receive this homework help and enjoy some new relationships! The center is located at 115 2nd St. SE, Puyallup, 98372. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Renee Gilliam, program director for the center at 253-840-1214.

## How do I set up a Home Access Account?

Home Access Center is a great way to track your student's progress in class. You must have an active e-mail account on file with us to activate this site. Please go to <http://homeaccess.puyallup.k12.wa.us> to register. If you need to set up an account please fill out the form below and return it to our Data Processor, Carol Walker, and she will help you out.

Yes, I would like to set up a HAC account.

Parent's name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT's e-mail address (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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My user name should be (AT LEAST 4 CHARACTERS, PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY)

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My password should be (AT LEAST 8 CHARACTERS AND WRITE CLEARLY)

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*You will be notified at the e-mail address provided with confirmation when your account has been set up.*

## **Drama Club and Musical Theatre Club**

Everyone is welcome to attend! You don't need to be in drama class to join! Drama Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the Month from 2:40-4:40pm

Musical Theatre Club: meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the Month from 2:40-4:40pm in the Drama Room

### **Auditions for the Spring Musical: Annie, Jr.**

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Invited Callbacks Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Anyone can audition! Seeking actors, dancers, and singers!

Pick up an audition packet across from the student store.

See Miss Fox in Room 05 if you have any questions!

## Fall and winter safety reminders when walking and biking to school

In an ongoing effort to improve the safety of students who walk or ride bikes to school, parents are encouraged to review the following Fall and Winter safety tips with their children. **Be seen:**

- Wear bright-colored clothes, and if it is dark or hard to see, carry a flashlight and wear reflective gear. A variety of reflective gear is available in stores including zipper pulls, tape or tags for backpacks, and red blinking lights that clip onto shoes or clothing. This time of year, and especially after standard time takes effect on November 1, there is less light in early morning hours.
- Bicyclists who ride in the dark are required by law to have their bikes equipped with a white headlight and a red rear reflector or taillight.
- Walk or bike on the appropriate side of the road. If there is no sidewalk, be sure to walk on the side of the road facing traffic. Bicyclists should ride on the right side of the road, moving in the same direction as motor vehicles.
- Layering is warmth. Wear many layers of loose clothing, as this ensures that there are pockets of air between the clothing layers that insulate the body from the cold.
- Close “gaps” – neck and wrist openings are potential sites for heat loss. Wearing a scarf around the neck and long gloves or mittens can help close these gaps.
- Ice and the occasional snow in the Northwest can make it difficult to walk, so a good pair of boots or other shoes with traction is essential.
- Before riding a bike to school, check to see that the tires are inflated properly, the drive-train is clean and lubricated, and the brakes work.
- Keep both hands ready to brake. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since breaks are less efficient when wet.
- Remember to always wear a properly-fitted bicycle helmet.

### American’s with Disabilities Act Statement:

The Puyallup School District is in the process of reviewing its activities, services and programs to identify and eliminate any barriers to full participation by all otherwise qualified persons regardless of any disability. If you are aware, or become aware, of any such barriers to access or to communication associated with any of the school district’s programs, services or activities, please notify the Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504 compliance person for the Puyallup School District: Lorraine Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372, (253) 841-8764.

### Non-Discrimination Statement:

The Puyallup School District provides equal opportunities in education and employment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and any applicable Washington State laws against discrimination. For specific information please contact: Lorraine Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372, (253) 841-8764.

### Telecommunications Relay Service:

For persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, all staff members may be contacted through the Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service at the following telephone numbers: Tele-Braille: 1-800-833-6385 Voice: 1-800 833-6348 TTY: 1-800-833-6388

ADA Accommodations: The Puyallup School District provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with special needs to contact the ADA/504 coordinator at least seventy-two (72) hours before scheduled meetings, training, or events to discuss any special accommodations that may be necessary. Please contact: Amie Brandmire, Director of Employee Relations, 302 Second Street SE, Puyallup, WA 98372, (253) 841-8645.



## 2011/2012 Athletic and Activity Opportunities for Kalles' Students

### Athletics

Participating in athletics requires a student to have a current physical and to be cleared (ASB card, insurance/athletic eligibility forms, concussion and \$30 per sport athletic fee) by the athletic coordinator, Linda Heagle, before turning out for a sport.

Girls Basketball: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, tryouts begin Monday, October 31st for 8th and 9th graders. 7th grade basketball practices before school beginning November 1st. Contact: Coach Fletcher at fletchtd@puyallup.k12.wa.us

Wrestling: 2nd quarter, 1st practice Tuesday, November 1st. The season ends Jan. 14th. Meet in the auxiliary gym. Contact: Head Coach Scott Pizl at scott@latan.com.

Girls Soccer: 3rd quarter, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls, tryouts begin Wednesday, January 25th. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will begin Wednesday, February 1st.

Boys' Basketball: 3rd quarter, 8th/9<sup>th</sup> grade after school, tryouts begin Monday, January 23rd, 7<sup>th</sup> grade practices in the morning. 7th grade will begin January 24th. Contact: Zach McCorkle at zachariahmcorkle@gmail.com

Boys/Girls Track: 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sport for all students. First practice will be on Monday, April 9th. Contact: Coach Monaghan at monaghsl@puyallup.k12.wa.us or Coach Susee at suseekl@puyallup.k12.wa.us.

Congratulations to Madison Colley for winning the Cross Country Conference meet for the SECOND year. Way to represent Kalles, Madi!

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### Magnet Program Information.....

Information about Magnet Programs in the Puyallup school district will be available December 7<sup>th</sup>. All 9th graders and their parents will be invited to an evening event at the Pioneer Pavilion, on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 4–7 PM. This is a “drop by” and visit opportunity.

Emerald Ridge High School: Computer Game Design: AP Computer Programming

Marine Sciences: Marine Resources I, Aviation: Introduction to Flight

Puyallup High School: Automotive: Automotive Technology I, Culinary Arts: Culinary  
Medical Careers Academy: Intro to Medical Careers/ Med Term I, STEM: STEM I: Into to Engineering

Rogers High School: A.C.E. Academy: ACE I, JROTC: JROTC I, Horticulture: Plant Science I, Welding & Manufacturing: Welding I

### Activities

9th grade Project Committee: All 9th graders welcome! Meet on every Monday in Room 113. The goal is to earn money to purchase a gift for the school from the ninth grade class. Contact: Cathy Davison, Shelley Woodke and Shirley Wolff.

Bowling: Who can participate: First 64 bowlers, sign up in January. \$64.00 per person. Provide own transportation to Daffodil Entertainment Center. When does it start? Bowl every Thursday starting February until end of March, Time: 2:45–5:30pm. Contact: Shirley Wolff or Vicki Hilmer at (253) 841-8729.

Spanish Club: "The Spanish Club is up and running! You don't have to take Spanish or speak the language in order to attend. All are welcome to come and celebrate Hispanic culture with great music, food, and games. Bring your friends! We meet every first and third Wednesday, from 2:45 - 3:30pm in room 210. Contact: Mary Underwood.

Drama Club: All Kalles students are welcome. Meetings are held after school 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Meeting location and dates are announced on the daily bulletin. Contact: Megan Fox

Fiddle Group: Open to anyone who can play a string instrument, guitar or bass guitar Wednesdays, 2:40-3:40 in the Orchestra room. Contact: Rebecca Pelandini.

Chamber Orchestra: The Kalles Chamber Orchestra is an audition only group for advanced string players. Our goal is to primarily focus on learning advanced musical techniques and literature from the Western classical tradition. We meet every Wednesday from 8:30–9:30am in the orchestra room. Contact Mrs. Pelandini @pelandrm@puyallup.k12.wa.us

Jazz Band: Jazz band is by audition only to anyone in choir, orchestra or band. We meet everyday before school at 6:45am in the band room. Contact Mrs. Blumenthal @blumenra@puyallup.k12.wa.us

Arts and Crafts: Open to anyone interested in artistic design. Students will have the opportunity to sew, create crafts, draw and paint. Group will meet every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30pm in portable 5. Contact Mrs. Kitts for more information at kittsmj@puyallup.k12.wa.us

Happy Camper Club: Are you a happy camper? Choose your attitude, leave the campground better than you found it, and help someone find their smile everyday. We meet once a month, 2nd Wednesday at 8:30am in room 110. Contact Mr. Templin @templita@puyallup.k12.wa.us.

SLERC Club: Student Level Equity Resolution Council, better known as our diversity committee. Is made up of a diverse group of students who meet once a month to be the voice of the student body in regards to school operations, culture, and celebrate all cultures. Contact Mr. Cox or Mrs. Kreiger for more information.

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## **Veteran's Day**

Kalles will be celebrating Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:15am. Any current military personnel and families are welcome to attend our assembly from 8:15–9:15am. Our hope is that our students will be able to understand the privileges & rights we share in this country, while honoring those who have served to protect them. The assembly will feature the Rogers High Jr. ROTC Color Guard, guest speaker Norm Fowler, a short video created by our video production students, and the talents from all three musical groups. *If you are a veteran or are currently serving in the military, please call 841-8729 to RSVP by Nov. 8th with the number of people who will attend.*

## **Arts and Crafts**

We are doing holiday stockings, advent calendars, pillows, blanket quilts, scrap booking, and misc other projects. We have 6 sewing machines which get use constantly. If you have extra "stuff" at your house that you'd like to donate that we could use for the club, feel free to donate it. Well here is your chance to give it to a great cause. We are in need of: holiday fabrics, poly-fill for quilts, stuffing for pillows, trim, lace, rick rack, binding, embroidery thread, buttons, scissors used for fabric not paper, scrap book paper, scrap book items, Cri-cut cartridges, or things to embellish their stockings or scrap books (small or large). Feel free to call Marnita Kitts with any questions at (253) 841-8729.

## **Tyee Goodness**

What is Tyee Goodness?" It is a program that encourages staff, students, parents and anyone in the community to commit random acts of kindness. It's about doing the little things that make a difference in other people's lives. It's about doing the uncommon acts that we typically don't see people doing everyday. We are trying to develop in our young people the ability to "want" to make a difference by helping others, for no compensation or purpose of recognition. Some examples of Tyee Goodness are: picking up garbage around campus and in the community, opening doors for other people, and for example, if somebody drops their backpack or another item, instead of just walking by them, reach down and pick it up for them. Some of our students have allocated time every week to clean our campus, fundraise money for the needy, collect clothes to give to the needy, stay after lunch time and clean up the cafeteria to help our lunch crew. Please help encourage your child to commit Tyee Goodness!