

# Press Release

SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Great Kindness Week Challenge Is Just the Beginning for Elementary Students in the Solana Beach School District

SOLANA BEACH, CA (January 28, 2020)—The [Solana Beach School District](#) (SBSD) kicked off its 2020 Great Kindness Challenge Week (January 27-31) with students, staff and families from all seven of its elementary schools participating in daily kindness activities, including morning announcement messages, card-writing to classmates and staff, compliments booths, spirit days, and more. SBSB is participating in this year's international event, presented by San Diego's [Kids for Peace](#) nonprofit organization, to nurture its culture of kindness as a "Kindness Certified School District." Solana Beach resident, Dr. Jonathon Collopy, through the generous donation of the Harbaugh Foundation, helped secure kindness bracelets for each student and staff member in SBSB. When students or staff "catch" someone being kind, they give away their bracelet to that person in recognition of the act of kindness.

Here are a few highlights of specific activities at each school:

- **Carmel Creek:** "Sit with Someone New Day" with conversation starters on Friday, January 31
- **Skyline:** Students writing cards to classmates and staff on Thursday, January 30
- **Solana Highlands:** Lunchtime compliments booth by grade level on Tuesday, January 28
- **Solana Pacific:** Paint kindness rocks in Maker Space on Wednesday, January 29
- **Solana Ranch:** Throughout the week, kindness door decorating and reading books focused on kindness, such as "How Full Is Your Bucket?"
- **Solana Santa Fe:** Students participate in Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts, Math (STREAM) buddy projects on the theme of "Building Bridges of Kindness" and share their work at morning assembly on Friday, January 31. STREAM projects are supported by the Solana Beach Schools Foundation.
- **Solana Vista:** Daily gratitude circles where students share bracelets with classmates who have demonstrated kindness

"It's encouraging and rewarding to see our schools embracing a district-wide approach to the Great Kindness Week Challenge," said Superintendent Jodee Brentlinger. "Our overarching goal is to demonstrate and reinforce that kindness is something we do every day, not just one week out of the year."

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Please contact us for more information about SBSD's Great Kindness Week Challenge, including a complete listing of activities. The District Office is located at 309 N. Rios Ave. in Solana Beach, California.

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