

## News from the School Social Worker's Desk...

Nelson Prairie Parents/Guardians~

The week of **October 28-November 1, 2019**, is both Red Ribbon Week and Character Counts! Week. At Nelson Prairie, we will be focusing on making healthy choices and displaying outstanding character.



This year, a **care package item drive** has been planned, in addition to the spirit days to highlight this special week. Nelson Prairie is partnering with Operation Care Package and the VFW to help stock these organizations with items most in need. **The items are indicated below.** Please help prepare your child(ren) for the following week:

### **Monday, October 28: Team Up for Colorful Character!**

Your child(ren) is encouraged to wear a team jersey.

**\*\*Today's Items:** Canned soup or Ramen soup packets

### **Tuesday, October 29: Prairie Dogs Always "Mix" in Great Character!**

Your child(ren) is encouraged to dress in mismatched clothes.

**\*\*Today's Items:** Canned fruit or fruit snacks

### **Wednesday, October 30: From Head to Toes, I Show My True Colors!**

Your child(ren) is encourage to wear crazy and/or crazy hair.

**\*\*Today's Item:** Gum/mints

### **Thursday, October 31: Scare Up Some Colorful Character!**

Your child(ren) is encouraged to wear their Halloween costume (please follow school policy on costume accessories, masks, etc.)

**\*\*Today's Item:** Lip balm

### **Friday, November 1: Follow Your Dreams...Live Healthy!**

Your child(ren) is encouraged to wear pajamas or comfortable clothing (please follow school's dress code policy).

**\*\*Today's Item: Halloween CANDY donation for Treats for Our Troops (For more information, please see description below.)**

**October is Bullying Prevention** month in which schools and communities work together to increase awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on children. All students should enjoy school and all students will be accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, athletic ability, intelligence, religion, and nationality. On **Unity Day, October 23**, students and staff at Nelson Prairie are encouraged to wear the color **ORANGE** to unite together against bullying. **Unity Day...make it orange...make it end!**



**Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.**  
(National Bullying Prevention Center)



### Nelson Prairie's Fall Service Project



What a sweet way to send a THANK YOU to our troops!! Nelson Prairie will be joining with the New Lenox VFW Post 9545 and Operation Care Package to host **Treats for Our Troops**. The candy and care package items will be donated and put in care packages. The packages will be sent to troops in the US and abroad.

- **November 1-4** please send in any extra/leftover Halloween candy with your child. Mrs. Willey will visit the classrooms to pick up the candy brought in to school. Once collected, the candy will be weighed. How much can we collect this year??
- Our soldiers work very hard to keep us safe. Let's show them how we can be great citizens and awesome Prairie Dogs!! Remember to thank a veteran for their service!!