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JDPS STUDENTS SHINE WHEN THEY ARE KIND We continue to work on our kindness skills. The counselor visited or will visit classrooms to reinforce the concept. Students are working on giving compliments to one another. Second graders will receive a note with all the compliments from their classmates. First graders will have a Kindness in the Air paper to bring home in early February. Kindergarten/T1 will have their moment in April.

Officer Arbizo (Thatcher Police Department) presented to all students “Stranger Danger”. It is helpful for families at home to discuss this on a regular basis. Rules to abide by: 1) Check First; 2) Take a Friend; 3) Tell People ‘No’; 3) Tell a Trusted Adult. You can review Common Tricks, watch videos (on the four rules), gather tip sheets and many other resources to help keep your child safe at Kid Smartz (<https://www.missingkids.org/education/kidsmartz>).

February 7-11 is National School Counseling Week. The American School Counselors Association sponsors this week to acknowledge the impact made by school counselors. The families and I are better together when we work together to make your child feel and be successful. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns to best help your child.