September 2021:

Welcome Back Anne Hutchinson School

We hope that you had a fun and restorative summer off! We are so excited to see some familiar faces, and extend a big Anne Hutch welcome to our new students. In true Anne Hutch fashion, we are starting off our year focusing on KINDNESS as this month’s ethical habit. Kindness is always important, but we will be spending this month getting to know new teachers and friends and kindness is essential to any classroom community.

This month we will be giving out HEART recognitions for acts of kindness and empathy. In our Second Step lessons, students will discuss empathy and respect as well as respecting similarities and differences...along with other important skills for learning!

Also, please extend a warm AHS welcome to two new members to our social emotional support team Dana Steinberg (School Psychologist) and Shakirra McKinley (School Counselor)!

- Mrs. Gelpi

Upcoming Dates:

- September 6th (Monday): No School / Labor Day
- September 7-8 (Tues/Wed) No School / Rosh Hashanah
- September 9th (Thursday) 1st Day of School
- September 16th (Thursday) No School / Yom Kippur

Ethical Habit of the Month: Kindness

Kindness: noun. noun. /ˈkaɪndnəs/ 1. the quality of being generous, helpful, and caring about other people.

Book Recommendation:

It Will Be OK

A Story of Empathy, Kindness, and Friendship

Words by Lisa Katzenberger
Pictures by Jaclyn Sinquett
Why is teaching kindness important in school?

"Many traditional anti-bullying programs focus on the negative actions that cause anxiety in children. When students are instead taught how to change their thoughts and actions by learning about kindness and compassion, it fosters the positive behavior that's expected and naturally rewarded with friendship. Promoting its psychological opposite is key in reducing bullying to create warm and inclusive school environments."

Activities:

- Kindness Postcard: Did you catch someone doing something kind? At Anne Hutch we have heart recognitions where we recognize good work done by others. Send them a postcard!
- Participate in the Kindness Rocks Project
- Try a Community Kindness Checklist

Second Step Program

Want a peek at what students are learning this month? To create a parent/guardian account click the link here and enter the code for the appropriate grade of your child(ren). Or click a link below for an at home activity.

- 2ND GRADE CODE: SSP2 FAMI LY72
- 3RD GRADE CODE: SSP3 FAMI LY73
- 4TH GRADE CODE: SSP4 FAMI LY74
- 5TH GRADE CODE: SSP5 FAMI LY75