



# Around the Round!

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**March 2020**

## Important Dates

### March

- 3/6** Seussabration  
**Final Mackinac Payment (4<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- 3/11** PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- 3/12** Encore Performance
- 3/17** 4<sup>th</sup> grade student visit Farms
- 3/18** March is Reading Month Author Visits
- 3/20** End of the Marking Period  
Round School Talent Show 6:30
- 3/30 – 3/5** No School for Students – Spring Break

### April:

- 4/6** Back to School
- 4/8** PTO Meeting 4:00 pm
- 4/10** No School Staff and Students
- 4/21** Music Concert
- 4/23** Science Fair and Art Fair

### School Hours

Monday -Thursday  
8:50 – 3:50pm

### Fridays

**Early Release**  
**8:50 – 2:50pm**

*Students may enter at 8:45am*

## March is Reading Month!!

We have an exciting eventful calendar full of opportunities to facilitate our student's love of reading. Our goal this month is to increase student's volume, stamina and love of reading. If they haven't caught the reading bug yet, we hope they will in March!

Thanks to your continued support and our amazing PTO, we will have a presentation by author Bryan Chick. Bryan Chick is the author of the Secret Zoo series. As a nine-year-old he wondered what would happen if zoo exhibits had secret doors that allowed children to go inside . . . and the animals to come outside.

Please see page 4 for an interesting article about the importance of teaching children to be "Upstanders". Here is a video about bullying and the importance of being an "Upstander".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYVvE4tr2BI>

Hartland Consolidated Schools is accepting kindergarten enrollment packets at the Board of Education office and each of the elementary schools. Enrollment packets can be downloaded from the district website at [www.hartlandschools.us](http://www.hartlandschools.us).

See Sensei's Top 10 Parenting Tips on page 3.

Did you know that each classroom at RES will receive technology upgrades/replacements as part of the May 5<sup>th</sup> bond?

As spring approaches we celebrate all of our student accomplishments and the Round staff's passion and commitment to excellence!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs. Dotty Hottum

# PTO

The Round Elementary PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and efforts to give our students the best experience possible. Please consider accepting a nomination or nominating yourself for a PTO Board position as the elections for the next school year will be held at the April meeting. To find out more, please join us at the next meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm in the Round media center. We hope to see you there!

We would like to thank our PTO and Mr. Wuerful for our new playground structure! In the past 5 years, the PTO supported the purchase of books (over \$20,000.00), chromebooks, shelving and the training of a Special Education teacher as a Reading Recovery interventionist. These dollars have enabled K-4 teachers to teach students in small reading groups and one-on-one to ensure our students are able to read successfully by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. In addition, PTO has made many activities that support our school community and families possible such as Suessabration, Trunk or Treat, the Fun Run, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spirit Sticks, Glow Dance, Talent Show, Art Show, Science Fair and Ice Cream Social. Thank you to all of our parents that support us!

All of the things that make Round wonderful require a dedicated volunteer group. Please consider volunteering for a PTO event or as a board member. **We all have busy lives, but Together Everyone Achieves More – We want you on the TEAM!**

## Have You Seen this Yellow Bin?

To your left when you walk in the main entrance or Round, this yellow bin sits... waiting for your outgrown or gently used clothes (Infant through Teen AND Women's!)

Round Elementary collects these items (must be without stains or holes) and sends them to an online consignment company called Schoola, who sells them for us and then sends a check every year!! This is an easy way for you to help Round out without having to buy anything or volunteer your time!!

You can also SHOP [www.schoola.com](http://www.schoola.com) and Schoola donates \$2 for every \$5 you spend!! So, you get rid of the outgrown clothes and then re-fill with this season's size!!

Questions: contact Trish VanTichelt,  
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## Sensei's Top 10 Parenting Tips:

1. **Boredom is a good word.** Stop trying so hard to keep them from being bored. Boredom is GOOD for them. Only through boredom can they develop the critical success skills of mastering the repetitious and mundane, and delayed gratification. Let them "just sit" in a car. Let them "just sit" in a doctor's office. Let them "just sit" at karate. Let them figure out what to do. I read a very good article recently - kids today are not entitled, they are really just impatient!
2. **Family Culture.** Don't let your kids "just figure it out on their own." Where do kids get their values, principals and beliefs? Where did you get yours? You get them from your parents whether you want to or not. So you must be strong and stand for something. Here is the easiest way to do this. Use this phrase all the time - *"In our family we always . . ."* Also use the phrase, *"This is just how we do it here!"*
3. **Role Shift.** This one is huge. If you just do one do this one! Make sure you shift roles from caregiver/teacher to manager/coach to consultant/mentor as your child ages. Many parents stay in the caregiver/teacher mode. This will develop weak, dependent kids who will struggle with the slightest challenge, failure or stress. They will also not be able to take any risks. They will be perfectionists and fear failure. At what ages should you make the shifts? Use this - Know the number one motivator of normal kids before about seventh grade is "pleasing their parents". After seventh grade it shifts to "pleasing their peers".
4. Do not be your child's **BFF**. Do not make them the center of our family. You cannot be your child's best friend because friends cannot tell friends to do things they do not like or want to do. You need to be their parent. You must have the ability to do one difficult thing - make them do what they do not want to do. Your kids do not always have to like you. If you do this with consistency they will always love and respect you. Tough love is what your child needs from you.
5. **Do not over-protect.** They used to be called Helicopter Parents. Now the term is Lawnmower or Bulldozer Parents. Boredom, fear, hardship, failure, problems and stress are good for your child. This is how they get stronger and more courageous. You want your child to live a good life NOT an easy life. The key? See #C above - just make sure to shift your roles!
6. **"Thank you for letting me know".** Have your child complete tasks that they don't want to do. When they complain just say, "thank you for letting me know" and insist that they complete the task. Doing what we want all the time is not realistic.
7. **Delay Gratification.** Just by saying, "wait a minute" you increase your child's self-regulation skills. Creating a few minute delay after every request helps your child learn self- control.
8. **Growth Mindset.** We were not born "good" or "bad" learners, athletes, etc. We all can learn and practice to improve our skills. When you child says, "I'm not good at \_\_\_\_\_" and the word "YET" to the end of that statement.
9. **You can not punish a child into Good Behavior.** You have to teach appropriate behavior and you have to reward it when you see it. When you child is "yelling/screaming" teach them to use a "calm/appropriate" tone. Then reward appropriate tone regularly.
10. **Parenting is HARD.** Ask for help! It is okay to get tired and overwhelmed, but ask for help. We expect our children to ask for help – we need to ask for help as well.

If you are interested in the biology around energy and emotion this is great TedTalk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cef35Fk7YD8>

# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING AN UPSTANDER

## What is an upstander? Why is it important to consider when we think about bullying?

An upstander is someone who says “no” to bullying. In virtually all bully-victim situations, there are witnesses who view or know about the act. We want to make sure our kids are part of a community where everyone—kids and grownups alike—makes the decision to be an upstander, rather than a passive bystander who does nothing.

## Does being an upstander mean that my child (or I) has to directly confront people when they are acting as a bully?

No! There are lots of moments when a child or an adult may feel too scared to directly talk to a bully. There are other ways that kids and adults can be upstanders. A child, for example can tell a teacher.

One of the important activities that Upstanders/student leaders can become involved with is thinking about what will really help in your school. Reporting mean behavior is an important first step.

## Is “being an upstander” a new idea?

*(We are grateful to Marco Stoffel, Ph.D. who first suggested the term Upstanders to us in 2004.)*

No. In many ways this is another word for being socially responsible, and being socially responsible is a foundation for democracy. In the words of our founding fathers, “we are only as strong as our weakest members.” We all have a responsibility to pay attention to others who are in trouble and help. In the world of bully prevention, we believe that the first two people to independently write about this are Ron Slaby, Ph.D. (Educational Development Center and Harvard University) and Stu Twemlow, MD (Menninger Foundation and the Baylor College of Medicine).

## How I can talk to my child about being an upstander.

Here are some questions that can help to start this kind of important discussion. If being an upstander is something that you value and want your children to understand and practice, these questions will support this process:

- Have you ever seen a friend or classmate being bullied? What are possible ways you can respond to the situation? How would each way affect other people involved?
- How would you like others to react if you were being bullied, targeted or excluded?
- What music, TV shows and movies promote kindness or upstander behavior?
- What are your special talents? What are special talents of your friends and classmates? Why is it important to be different and work together?
- How is upstander behavior similar and/or different from being a hero?
- When you think about our country’s past, who would you consider upstanders? Who are our country’s current upstanders?
- When have you been an upstander? What is difficult or scary about being an upstander?

## If someone is mean to my child, what should they do?

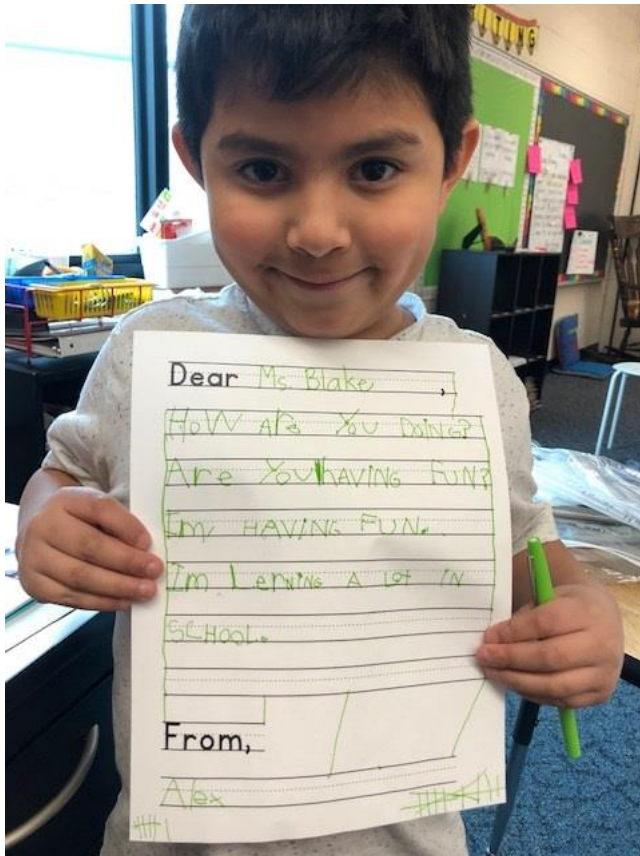
- Say “Stop”
- If the other child continues, say “Stop or I will tell”
- If the child continues, your child needs to tell the nearest adult. When they report the behavior they need to say, “\_\_\_\_\_ was being mean. I asked him/her to stop 2 times. I need help.
- This helps adults know the difference between “tattling” and situations that require intervention.



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