

Make the World a Better Place with One Billion Acts of Kindness

The Orange County Department of Education's "One Billion Acts of Kindness" initiative is aimed at promoting civility, character and positive school climates throughout Orange County and beyond.

Girl Scouts promise to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law **"to do my best to be considerate and caring."** Boy Scouts live by the Scout Oath and Law: **"A Scout is kind."** With this in mind, all Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are encouraged to incorporate the "One Billion Acts of Kindness" campaign into individual, Pack/Den, Troop, District or Service Unit activities and events planned for 2017-18. This November, challenge yourself to do an act of kindness *every day* for 30 days!

All kind acts, large or small, will count toward the goal of one billion! Each action must simply make a positive impact with no expectation of reciprocity (patches, pictured, are available for purchase).

Examples:

- Pick up discarded trash
- Welcome a new student to school
- Allow a car to merge ahead in traffic
- Take part in a beach clean-up event
- Write a kind note to a friend or family member
- Decide as a troop to donate to a charity
- Volunteer at a local animal shelter
- Participate in Scouting for Food (Collection day is November 4, 2017) - collect food for Second Harvest Food Bank



Participants can share their good deeds in one of two ways:

- Visit the website www.kindness1billion.org and click on the button designated
- Post to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #kindness1billion

"To pursue a billion acts of kindness is a lofty undertaking, perhaps even audacious in its scope, but the current climate of divisiveness, social fragmentation and political polarization calls for something big, and between our local school districts and community partners, we believe we have the resources and the drive to make this happen."

Dr. Al Mijares, Orange County Superintendent of Schools