Advisory Lessons
Talley Middle School Climate Team
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The Talley Way
Based on the book by Sam Parker
Purpose: Foster Positive Connections in the School and Community

- Build Positive Student – Teacher Relationships
- Provide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Opportunities
- Promote discussions to enhance Character Education
- Get to Know Every Student by Name and Need to ensure Academic Excellence
- Offers PBS Tier 1 and Tier 2 Interventions
Logistics

- 30 minute class – Generally held during the First and Third Wednesday of the Month – 18 classes/lessons all together. If there is a holiday during the first or third week or if there were 5 weeks in the month, it could be moved to the 2nd and 4th weeks.
- Grouping consists of about 15 students who have similar social-emotional needs.
- Every teacher with a classroom would have a group, in order to keep sections small and increase school-wide participation
- Some groups may be targeted to connect certain students with certain adults who may act as their mentor
- Provides the option if necessary to flex groups for targeting Tier II behaviors
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Curriculum

SEL Lessons
- Anti-bullying discussions and activities
- Character Education
- Resources include:
  - www.tollerance.org
  - www.randomactsofkindness.org
  - Advisory Book
  - Talley Created lessons around
    212° The Extra Degree
      - #myStory
      - Breast Cancer Awareness Month
      - Anti-Bullying Campaign
      - Service Learning / Stuff the Bus

Monthly Themes
- 212 the Extra Degree
- Treating People with Dignity
- The Sounds of Change
- Being Thankful Door Decorating Contest
- What is Bullying
- Lifting People up
- New Year-New You
- Kindness Month
- African American History Month
- Spread the Word
- Rock your Socks
- Autism Awareness
- Grit / #RiseUp
Lesson Formats

- Teachers are provided resources prior to the day of the lesson.
- Lessons plans are emailed and posted on Schoology.
- Introduction, mindset (usually an inspirational video).
- Vocabulary and discussion about the message.
- Exit tickets- Students have contests for activities such as making bumper stickers, door decorations, making thankful letters for someone who helped student overcome a challenge in their life and kindness calendars,
- Students are rewarded based on a rubric around the central theme of displaying the Talley Way when completing their exit tickets.
Targeted Groups- Tier 1 & 2

• **Grade level challenges:**
  - Contests for wearing Talley T-shirt days
  - School Spirit
  - Talley Cares Charity Events
  - Stuff the bus for the Ronald MacDonald House
  - Autism Delaware
  - Testing Focus / Grit
  - Holiday Hallway Door Decorating contests

• **Student Leadership, Ownership and Buy-in:**
  - Have one student from each advisory included in *National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)*
  - NJHS would help with communication between Students and Staff on ideas for activities and events, etc.
Reflections and future steps

**Positives**

- Strong administration support
- Helped to impart the 212 message and
- Increased staff attendance and involvement in school climate and problem solving teams.
- Developed subcommittees
- Received positive comments from students and parents

**Improvements**

- Continue to increase staff participation
- Increase community and parent teacher organization (PTO) support
- Improve on lessons that had slightly more challenging concepts for students to grasp.