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Dear Rocket Families,

We are pleased to inform you that the week of September 23, 2019, your child will be taking part in Start With Hello Week at MK Rawlings Elementary Center for Fine Arts. Start With Hello teaches students, grades 2 – 12, the skills they need to reach out and include others within their classroom and school. In August, each student at Rawlings attended a grade level assembly about how we can Start with Hello to reach out and help anyone who is feeling lonely or excluded, and make sure they know we see them and they matter.

Start With Hello's three simple steps:

1. See Someone Alone
2. Reach Out and Help
3. Start With Hello

We encourage you to talk to your child about the Start With Hello program and ask them to share what they have learned. Not only will that help you learn how to support your child to identify isolation, reach out and Start With Hello, it also demonstrates to your child that you take this subject seriously and can support them in their actions to create a more connected and inclusive home, classroom, school and community.

Sandy Hook Promise is excited to announce the launch of a Start With Hello digital interactive platform for grades K to 5. This digital learning tool is being funded by Disney and will be available in the Fall 2019 at no cost for school districts. For more information on this new resource or for more information about Sandy Hook Promise programs, please visit: <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>.

Thank you for supporting the Start With Hello Week at Rawlings Elementary!

Sincerely,

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