

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

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Altruism

September's virtue is Altruism. Turning Winds' definition of altruism is: engaging in activities for the primary purpose of serving others. Students are given many opportunities throughout the day at Turning Winds to serve others. This builds strong relationships and understanding between students.

Another Helpful Day

*Another helpful day
Serving others with pride
Whenever I help others
I feel good inside*

*I engage in activities
To spread positively*

*I do my duty
Here at Turning Winds
I change for others as well as myself
I used to look like a cute little elf*

*Once there was an old man
Perched upon a shelf
I walked up and said
"Hey want some help?"*

-Brad, David M, Nick, Tyler, Jake H.



Showing Altruism

A short story

Rufus woke to the sound of the music that his alarm clock projected each morning at 6:30 a.m. He stood up and stretched and got ready to go to school. Each day had been the same but today was different. Today was his last day of school. Rufus is a senior in High School.

Today was the last day he would have to go to Mrs. Smith's class, his least favorite.

As he was nearing the school entrance and he could smell fire. As he pulled into the school he was shocked to see the school fully engulfed in flames. Luckily it was before the day officially started and no one had arrived yet... with the exception of Mrs. Smith, just then he heard her call "Rufus help me." She was in her classroom that was located smack dab in the middle of the fire. Without a second thought he rushed into the burning building sacrificing himself to save her life. He got into the classroom she was in and he got her away from the fire safely.

-Kurtis, Jeff, James, Jake M, Cristian



Activities in September

Throughout this month of September we have enjoyed many events. One big excitement for all of us students at Turning Winds has been our new NFL reward. Through the school week if we do well in school we get to watch NFL prime time highlights on Thursday for an hour. We all get to root for our teams and make guesses on who we think will win. It's sure been a blast cheering on our home teams!

We've also been staying pretty busy sanding the house & digging stumps for work projects. TREC students have stayed busy with classes and preparing for their TREC excursion. They have gone on a night hike and practiced packing up their gear. We're all excited for them.

Labor Day was also a fun day. We had Johnny's famous homemade pizza for lunch, an awesome BBQ dinner and a fun filled day of games. Sundays are still an all time favorite day for all of us. We all enjoy writing letters, sleeping in, playing games, and of course DESSERT! Last Sunday Banana Split was sure a hit!

Some new guests have arrived. We've received two new boys as well as three new

staff. It's sure been an exciting and busy month for all of us.

-Abby, Brittany, Makayla, Rachel, Regan



Agnus Gomxha Bojaxhin shows Altruism

Agnus Gomxha Bojaxhin, also known as Mother Teresa and Saint of the gutters, during her life showed and taught all a lot about altruism. She founded a religious order in Calcutta, India called: Missionaries of Charity. The order created and provided for orphanages, youth centers, hospitals, schools, food for the needy, shelters for homeless, and shelters for the lepers. Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic Nun. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for helping the poor. In 1948, she became a citizen of India. She also received the Pope John 23rd Peace Prize. Overall, Mother Teresa is a role model for every person. She is humble and is an ultimate example of altruism.

-Angie, Mindy, Irene, Kim, Kelsey

SEPTEMBER

S- We've worked on SANDING.

E- We've watched the movie ERAGON.

P- PEANUT butter and jelly switched from Wednesday to Thursday.

T- TREC Training is done.

E- We've all ENJOYED NFL HIGHLIGHTS FOR SCHOOL REWARD.

M- We've got our MONTHLY CALL.

B- We've had four BIRTHDAYS in the month of September.

E- We've been EXERCISING hard in drill P.C.

R- We've got new RESIDENTS.

Random Questions

What's your favorite Turing Winds game?

"Volleyball!" -Regan

"Gatorball"- James

What's your favorite day of the week at Turning Winds?

"Sunday, Because Johnnie is here."-Mindy

"Saturday, Its mail day." -Kendall

What's your favorite group?

"Gender Specific"-Brittany

"Us girls get a chance to talk about things we wouldn't usually talk about with the boys. It gives us a chance to get to know each other better. It builds friendships stronger and gives us a better understanding of how we interact with people here and at home."

What's the best Turning Winds moment?

"When I graduated and got to see my family."- Nick

"When Brad got stuck in between mine and his bunk bed it was hilarious!"-Cristian

What your favorite movie you've watched at Turning Winds?

"Good Burger"- Jake

"Elf"- Abby

If you could be an animal what would you be?

"Dove"- Kim

"They can fly and it's peaceful."

"Lion"- Cristian

"They're ferocious"

