

Tomorrow, the anniversary of Parkland, the MHS # The Together Movement – #your passion your potential leadership group, suggested that those who would like to be a part of this remembrance, perform 17 acts of kindness, in memory of each of the Parkland students and staff members killed. The students, administration and Deputy Hammond agreed that this would be MHS's way of showing others support without comprising school security.

We, MPS, cannot support a walkout due to security and security resources. The Movement that is encouraging walk outs is not aware of the unique concerns of each school for keeping their students safe and that is our responsibility.

One of the school appropriate goals of the walk out is to acknowledge the 17 victims at Parkland and with the acts of kindness we acknowledging the victims and their families, we are also helping others remember these victims. 1,650 student's times 17 Acts of Kindness could have a profound impact.

On April 20th, 2018, instead of having a Walk Out, the MHS Together Movement will be having a Walk In. Josephine (JOEY) Nichols will be following this announcement up with introductory information for this that will have many options you can choose from to express your voice. Again, this works inside the parameters of our school safety resources while giving you the opportunity to exercise your First Amendment rights. As we move forward, let these times bring us together, not divide us. We are stronger as one, our voices are stronger as one.

The Monroe News contacted us last week to see what our students were doing and I shared what the students had come up with so far. I explained to the reporter about our students and their ability to think, process and understand what is going on in their world and their desire to be a generation that makes a difference. The reporter was so interested, that she is coming to our school just before April 20th to do an article for the Sunday paper before April 20th.

When I think of what your classmates and you might hope to accomplish with the 17 acts of kindness and the Walk In, I can think of no better way than to let your community and world know. You have been given way to do this. I truly believe The Together Movement- #your passion – your potential will be picked up by other schools. What is the coolest thing about this, it will be authored by you and your classmates.

I will turn this announcement over to Joey Nichols. Thank you for hanging in there with all of this information. It is all important...you are important. You will change your world.....you already have 😊.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kreps

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