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# The Charger

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## The Official Newsletter of SFTJH/CAC

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I would like to thank families and staff for dedicating time to have conversation about the academic and behavior growth and needs during parent-teacher conferences. With conferences held twice annually please know a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss growth is only a phone call or email away should you ever want to schedule one with us.

Recently our staff set learning goals for our school. We are specifically analyzing student growth on FastBridge reading and math assessments as well as state assessments in ELA, math, social studies, and science. I encourage all families to closely review communication from our teachers regarding the dates these assessments are given. Your support from home is essential and very much appreciated.

With the cooler temps please have conversations with your child regarding your personal expectations for wearing cold weather gear. With variances on family choice regarding this topic we will encourage students to wear a jacket/coat though we certainly will not force a child to do so. Providing your child with gloves, hat, and coat is always helpful.

We invite you to our Veteran's Day assembly on Friday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring your veteran for this celebration whether he/she is family, friend, or neighbor. Let's honor them together!



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# Nursing News...



**Happy November!!!! It is the month of giving thanks and enjoying family and friends—it is also the time of year when we start to see a significant increase in sick kiddos! The stomach bug has already made its way into the building and we don't want it to ruin your Thanksgiving! How do we protect ourselves and those we love??**

**Scan the QR code and find out!!**



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## StuCo News

*by Tiffany Burget*

StuCo has been keeping busy. The StuCo members run a snack cart for the student body every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. All items are on sale for \$1.00 or less. StuCo also helped with Red Ribbon week. They submitted spirit days ideas to the administration for each day of the week along with how it ties into healthy choices.

## Leads on Learning

*by Kaytee Deines*

Last month I shared how a student qualifies for Title I services, and progress reports went home. This month I wanted share more about the math curriculum that we use to provide support to students.

Our math curriculum aligns with 4th and 5th grade curriculum, and is called EnVision Diagnostic and Intervention System. EnVision focuses on deep conceptual math understanding aided by visual models, and personalized learning. To start, a grade level diagnostic assessment is given to diagnose readiness by testing content that should have already been learned. Missing skills are specifically targeted and individualized lessons are taught. Quick checks are given bi-weekly to monitor understanding. After lessons have been completed for a grade level, a post-test is given and if passed a student moves on to the next grade level's diagnostic assessment. This process is repeated until a student is back to their current grade level's math skills.

This is our second year using this intervention system and I believe our students are seeing wonderful growth! If you have any additional questions, please reach out!

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## Choir/Music Announcements

*By Kara Holbert*

We have had so much fun getting started this school year! Our JH Singers gave an incredible performance at their Pioneer League Concert and did an amazing job representing SFT! Up next are our two performances in November. 6th Graders are working hard for their concert coming up in December, and have starting some Holiday songs! 5th graders have been having fun learning about the treble and bass clef, and will start working on their program soon!

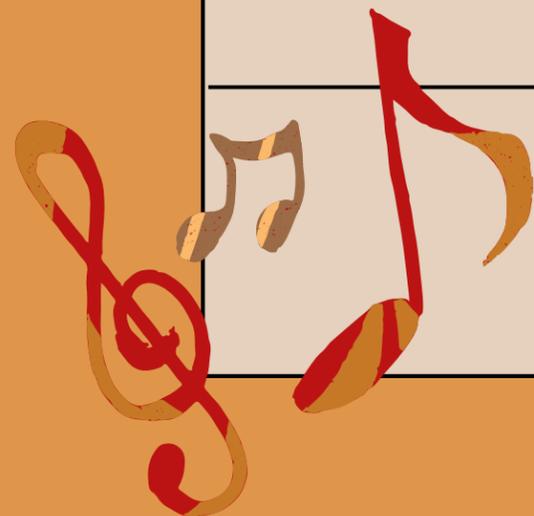
Coming up:

- Veteran's Day Assembly - November 10th @ 9:30 AM
- 7th/8th Grade Choir/Band Concert - November 29th @ 7 PM
- 6th Grade Music/Band Concert - December 6th @ 7pm
- 5th Grade Program - February 29th @ 7pm at CAC



**“Music is the universal language of mankind.”**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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# 4TH GRADE MUSIC

with Mrs. Sheri Moore  
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*link for some recorder practice :  
Navigate to:  
<https://musicplayonline.com/>  
Login: Click on: "Student"  
Enter the code: s456512*

*In the search bar type recorder,  
and you can find all kinds of  
recorder music to practice! Most  
of this will only include the notes  
we have practices, although you  
could work ahead and learn E if  
you would like to help lead the  
class.*



## Rhythm and Solfege

WITH RECORDERS

Students have started White Belt Recorder Karate with rhythm and solfege activities. This is the type of playing test that we will use for leveling up assessments through playing on their recorder with half note, quarter note, eighth notes, whole notes and quarter rests. So far we have fingered on G,A, B, and C. We will be transitioning through White Belt Rhythm and Solfege into Orange Belt Rhythm and Orange Belt Solfege this month. Yellow, Green, Red, Blue and Black Belt levels of increasingly challenging rhythms and solfege patterns (do- re-mi currently) await us this school year. When students play their rhythm lines and sing their solfege lines this month, they will receive the white belt for their recorder. Students are doing well playing by rows for practice. I am for all students learning and succeeding in music class. Parents are welcome to share their musical interests as well, especially with their student's class.

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

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By: Austin Hershberger



## Early Winter Sports

Girls Basketball is underway and the Chargers are looking to continue their success from last season, which saw the 2022 8th Grade team finish the season as League Champs. This year's 8th Grade team is off to a 2-1 start, with the only loss being to non-league foe Baldwin. On October 26, the 8th grade team defeated Anderson County at home by a score of 26-15. Three days later, they topped Iola 49-3 to earn a 2-0 League record. The 7th Grade girls team currently holds a 1-2 record, also with a loss to Baldwin, and are 1-1 in League play. They defeated Anderson County 19-2 before falling to Iola in a game that came down to the wire, 17-19. Both teams welcome the Burlington Wildcats on November 2 at Carbondale Attendance Center. On November 11, the Lady Chargers will compete in the 2023 Girls Basketball Classic with 7th Grade traveling to play at Wabaunsee, and 8th grade hosting at Santa Fe Trail High School. Other schools participating in the tournament will be Washburn Rural B, Rossville, and Wabaunsee.

Junior High Wrestling began their season on October 19. The Chargers are coached this season by 2nd year Head Coach Robby Madden, 3rd year Assistant Coach Christian Gulker, and 1st year Assistant Coach Sierra Dempsey. The team faced a quick turnaround from practice to their first competition as they hosted The Charger Invitational at Santa Fe Trail High School on October 28. The team fared well at the Tournament as several Chargers brought home hardware, despite the stiff competition which featured Baldwin, Basehor-Linwood, Eudora, Paola, Tonganoxie and others. The team competed 2 days later at the BMS Cat Classic in Burlington. The Boys team finished the tournament tied for 3rd, while the Girls team finished in 1st Place bringing home a hardwood plaque. 8 Chargers finished atop of their Round Robin bracket at the meet.



## UpComing Events:

- Nov 6 - Girls Basketball @ Prairie View 4p
- Nov 7 - Girls Basketball @ Burlington 4p
- Nov 7 - JH Girls Wrestling @ Iola 4p
- Nov 9 - JH Wrestling @ Anderson Co. 3:30p
- Nov 11 - Girls Basketball Classic 7th @ Wabaunsee, 8th @ SFT 9a
- Nov 11 - JH Wrestling @ Silver Lake 8:15a
- Nov 13 - Girls Basketball @ Osawatomie 4p
- Nov 16 - Girls Basketball @ Wellsville 4p
- Nov 16 - JH Wrestling SFT Inv. 4p
- Nov 20 - Girls Basketball @ Anderson County 4p

For more, please visit [usd434.org](http://usd434.org)

*Inspiring and Empowering  
Every Charger, Every Day!*

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## **FBLA- Middle Level Chapter**

*by Kim Dayhoff & Rob Colvin*

Students will have access through the FBLA google classroom to practice and gain more knowledge before they choose which 3-5 events they would like to compete in for their district competition.

The district competition will be held at Washburn University on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The state level competition will be held at the Stormont Vail Event Center in Topeka on Thursday, April 4th.



## **KAY News**

*by Alicia Amborski*

October marks the beginning of KAY events as we finally finished our club enrollment . October 23-27 KAY sold Boo Bags , a bag of treats that students could purchase for themselves and others. This is a traditional event that allows money to go towards a service cause. This year all of the profits were chosen to go to Relay for to help with cancer research.

Our next item on the calendar is the Region 1 Conference where our officers have an opportunity to go to Blue Valley School District to meet with other members and hear leaders speak about ways in which we can serve our school, community, nation, and world. This occurs on November 14. Later in November, we will also lead the school in a competitive class against class food drive for Thanksgiving.

# Technology Classes

## 4th & 5th grade

The students in 4th and 5th grade tech class will continue to focus on learning proper keyboarding skills.

The 4th graders are learning more detailed skills in google docs in creating a Fall or Halloween Acrostic Poem. The students follow a video of Mrs. Dayhoff explaining and showing in the video all the steps they need to do to insert word art, formatting the word art along with using wrap text so they can move the word art. They will then type words or phrases that begin with each of the letters of their acrostic poem. They will then insert a picture and edit their poem with different font size, font style and font color.

The 5th graders are using an animation website called [www.animaker.com](http://www.animaker.com) They explored how to use the website and they are creating a stop motion animation with a theme of Fall or Halloween.

## 6th Grade Tech

6th grade is learning about what it means to be a digital citizen and all the do's and don'ts that comes with living in the digital world. Students continue to practice their typing skills twice a week along with activities about the 6 topics of digital citizenship.

The 6 topics are:

Digital Footprint/Identity, Relationships/Communication, Privacy/Security, Cyberbullying/Digital Drama/Hate Speech, Media Balance/ Well-Being and News/Media Literacy

## Mrs. Dayhoff

## 7th/8th Grade

The students in this semester long tech class finished their unit in google docs and are now learning about google sheets (spreadsheets). They have their lessons delivered through a step by step video of Mrs. Dayhoff explaining each step while showing the screen in the video. The students started off by learning the basics of a spreadsheet and now moving into some basic calculations. They learned through the **Power of a Penny** lesson that they would rather let 1 penny double each day for 31 days then to take \$1 million dollars.

Students continue to practice their typing skills twice a week with formal typing lessons using [www.typing.com](http://www.typing.com) and they are always encouraged to carry over their typing skills onto each computer lesson.

The students also have time through the week to work on their independent projects and some have enjoyed using the cricut which is a vinyl and paper cutting machine.



## Band Announcements

*by McKenzie Rice and Lance Quilling*

We recently nominated some 8th grade students for the JH District Honor Band. Any JH school within Osage, Franklin, Johnson, and Wyandotte counties get to nominate 8 students, after the students are nominated they are then narrowed down to create an elite JH band that will perform in December. We would like to congratulate the following students for being nominated (if they have a star by their name they made the ensemble): \*Skylar Boggs, \*Annabella Torneden, \*Lillian Barnes, Elizabeth Parkhill, Daniel McKee, Alexa Heder, Cassandra Goodrich, and Lucy Hatfield.

Below you can find some dates for our fall concerts and events.

- November 15th 7:00pm: 5th Grade Concert
- November 29th 7:00pm: 7th/8th Concert
- December 6th 7:00pm: 6th Concert

# Art

with Ms. Swisher



6th - 8th graders got into the Halloween spirit to craft pumpkins, ghosts, and lanterns. 6th graders begin their first project of their Observational Drawing unit at the start of November.



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Students continue to explore different artistic techniques, styles, and mediums in the art room! 4th and 5th graders have been analyzing different meanings for colors and how colors affect our daily lives. Students used construction paper in creative ways to make spooky Fall decorations.

Junior High students honed their skills with color and pattern to create abstract pieces inspired by Luchida Hurtado. In their "Artist of Choice" project, students had the freedom to choose their own inspiration.



# WEIGHTS AND PE



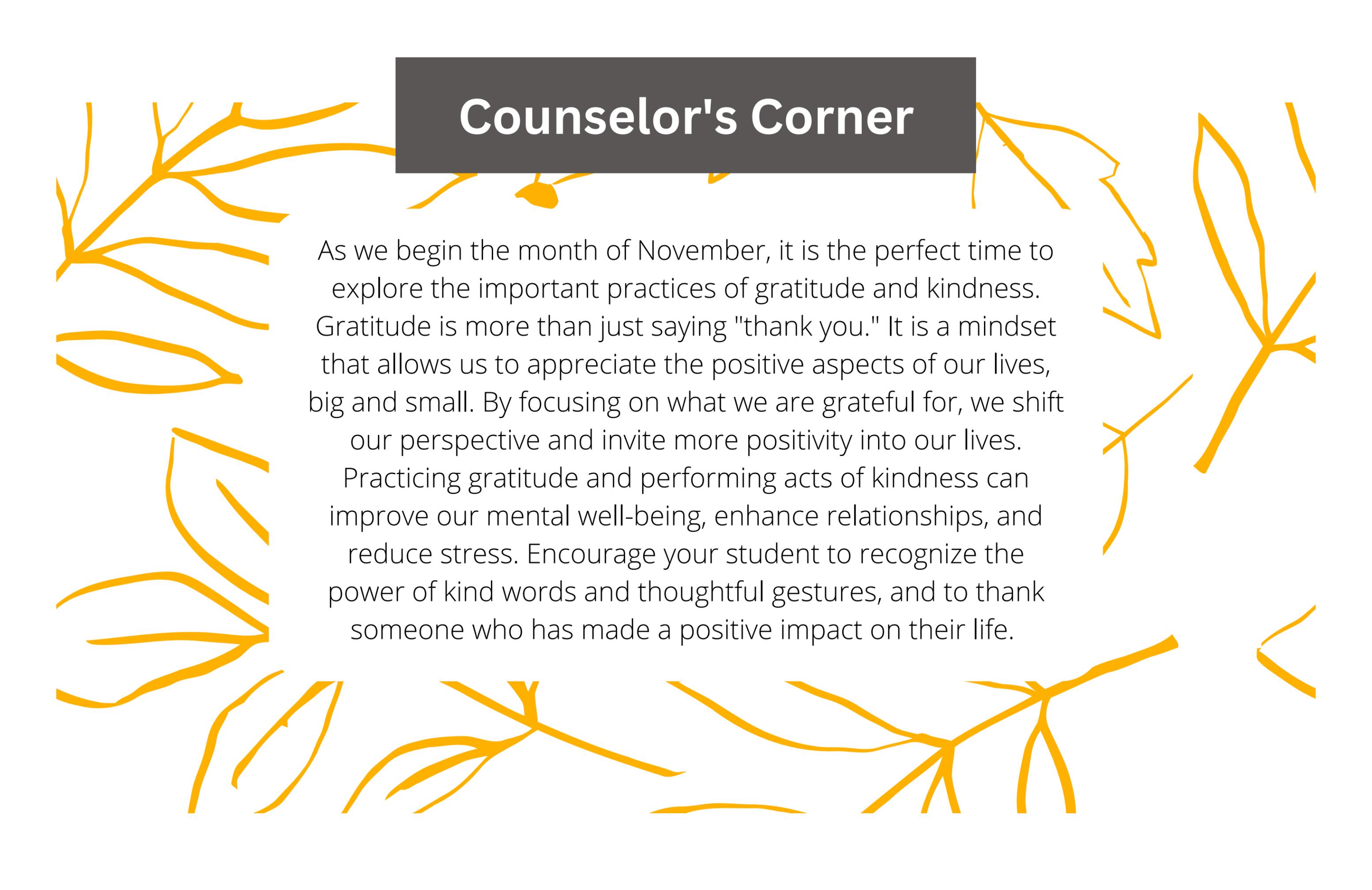
**PE:**  
**STUDENTS HAVE BEEN GETTING AFTER IT ON THE COURTS IN THIS WEEKS BADMITTON UNITS**

**WEIGHTS:**  
**STUDENTS ARE PUTTING IN HARD WORK IN THIS WEEKS ISOLATION AND COMPOUND MOVEMENTS**



**STOP BY THE GYM OR WEIGHTROOM  
AND SEE ALL THE GOOD THINGS  
THAT ARE GOING ON!**



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# Counselor's Corner

As we begin the month of November, it is the perfect time to explore the important practices of gratitude and kindness. Gratitude is more than just saying "thank you." It is a mindset that allows us to appreciate the positive aspects of our lives, big and small. By focusing on what we are grateful for, we shift our perspective and invite more positivity into our lives. Practicing gratitude and performing acts of kindness can improve our mental well-being, enhance relationships, and reduce stress. Encourage your student to recognize the power of kind words and thoughtful gestures, and to thank someone who has made a positive impact on their life.