

2018-2019 Editorial Calendar

Mission: Empowering kids to excel in all areas of their interest and make positive changes in their own lives and impact their communities.

Values: Communication, Creativity, Confidence, Self Sufficiency, Helpfulness, Contribution, Mentorship.

September 2018 – *Best of Kids' Standard 2017-2018*

October 2018 – The Power of Writing

In this electronic age, writing power can be just as important to politicians and business people as it is to novelists or poets. Most important decisions involve complex choices. To understand the complexity of a problem, as well as the available solutions, we must turn to written communications. Writing can also be beneficial for all of us, because it is also therapeutic. One of the most powerful parts of getting better is developing the ability to observe our thoughts and feelings. Writing helps us make decisions, analyze problems, share feelings, influence and motivate others, and even heal ourselves. What role does writing play in your life? How does it help you learn, express yourself, or communicate with others? Share your thoughts and experiences. Write about famous writers and poets. Describe how written word has influenced others and led to important changes in our history.

November 2018 -- *Math and Modern Technology*

Computer Science grew out of Mathematics. Mathematics is the oldest subject or practice in the history of mankind. Today mathematics finds a wide application, far beyond being a subject at school. Mathematics helps in progression of technological innovation in day-to-day life. How does math help evolution of science and technology in automobiles, medicals, computer and database management, surgery, or agriculture? How does learning mathematics help people in their perception development to achieve their goals in life? Research famous mathematicians and scientists. Write about their discoveries and effects on the world. Share your thoughts about modern technology or predict new developments in the future.

December 2018 – *We Can Change The World*

By making a choice to face injustice, to be helpful and kind, to speak up, To educate yourself as well as others or to just smile to someone who is upset, you can start a motion of positive energy and actions that can bring about change. What does it

mean to you “to change the world?” How do our actions affect the world about us? What, do you believe, needs to be changed in this world today? What can we do to make the world a better place? Describe your thinking about the mindset that people need to have in order to become change makers. Are there any people whom you consider change makers? Share their stories.

January 2019 – *My Friends and I*

Our friends are important to us. Tell us about your relationships with your friends, important connections between you, and meaningful experiences that you have had together. What lessons have your friendships taught you? What is the difference between real friends and fake friends? What makes someone a good friend? Why do people need friends? How does our choice of friends shape our character? Share your experiences and ideas about anything related to friends, peer pressure, and developing friendships.

February 2019–*Embracing Wellness*

The term “wellness” is very popular nowadays. However, it has become so broad that it often lacks meaning. Well-being often starts with being physically well, but it doesn’t end there. What does it actually mean to be well? What are the factors that determine our well-being? How do our social networks and mindset affect wellness? Can a person with a chronic illness or a disability be well? Share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences. Research social, emotional, cultural, and even financial aspects of wellness. Offer ways to improve wellness.

March 2019 –*Just Keep Moving*

American Heart Association recommends that, for health purposes, people accumulate 10,000 steps or more a day (about five miles of walking.) Few people do, however. Any regular physical activity can relieve stress, anxiety, depression, and anger. What are other benefits of being active? What gets you up and moving? Write about your favorite physical activity, sport, dance, or fitness routine. Why is it important to you? How does it make you feel? Share stories of athletes, dancers, and other people whose lives revolve around moving.

April 2019 – *Taking A Stand*

One of the common definitions of *taking a stand* is to *publicly assert one's support of, defense of, or opposition to something*. Nearly every day, we are faced with something that brings out intense feelings – something that we feel strongly about. Whether it is a political, social, or personal choice, we feel compelled to speak up. Why is it important to take a stand on issues? Is there something that brings up strong feelings in you? Write about something that you either support or oppose. Research historical figures who took a stand on an important issue and made a difference for others.

May 2019 - Humanitarians

Humanitarianism is a belief that each human life has value; therefore, humans provide assistance to other humans in order to better humanity in general. We all have a humanitarian side whether it is writing a check to our favorite charity or volunteering our time to worthy causes. What is the cause you feel passionate about? Write about a charity that promotes human welfare, your experiences collecting money or supplies, volunteering your time, or doing something to help others in need. Research the most famous humanitarians whose selfless acts or billion dollar contributions changed the course of entire nations. Reflect on why contributing to other people across your town, nation, or the world is important and what the world would be like if there were no people who took it upon themselves to make a difference.

June 2019- *How Kids' Standard Helped Me Grow* Video Contest

Each *Kids' Standard* club is invited to work as a team to create a video of team members' experiences with *Kids' Standard*. Students will write a script, assume various roles in video preparation, and put together a short 4-5 minute video. Creators of the best-voted video will receive cash prizes.