**“I” Team Updates**

One of our newest initiatives this school year is the implementation of the“I” Team. Our “I” Team consists of students in grades 6-8 who have been selected to promote principles of character education amongst their peers. These students work together to come up with creative ways to highlight Benjamin Franklin’s monthly values.

Throughout September, our “I” Team promoted the importance of **cooperation**, which was September’s monthly value word. Here are some of the ways in which they did this:

* **Morning announcements** that bring the value word to life
* **Bulletin board**– located outside of the main office that highlights the monthly value word and “I” Team initiatives.
* **Presentation during their class meetings**– “I” Team members announced a “Level Up” dance challenge and encouraged the school community to work together to ensure a great start to the school year.

October’s value word is **respect,** which is showing others they are important by what we say or do. We began the month by joining with schools across New Jersey to celebrate the “Week of Respect.” Our “I” Team members contributed the following:

* **Morning announcements** that teach the importance of respecting oneself, others and the environment.
* **Bulletin board** – demonstrating ways to show respect.
* **BF Pride Assembly** – “I” Team members showcased the completed “Level Up” video and engaged students in a kahoot that reinforced what they had learned earlier in the week about the H.I.B. law. A fun time in learning was had by all.

In the spirit of cooperation and respect, we are all encouraged tocontinue to work together to find additional opportunities within the classroom and at home to highlight our monthly value words.