

NEWSLETTER

Does K-Kids bully-proof kids?



Here's some good news about the K-Kids program. The book [Why Good Kids Act Cruel](#), by Carl E. Pickhardt offers insight into the cold-blooded world of bullying. He provides tips parents can institute to prevent children from becoming bullies. Tips include:

- Act as a family and conduct activities together.
- **Involve children in the community to teach them to consider the wellbeing of others.**
- Assign chores with the understanding that doing them is for the betterment of the family.
- **Welcome involvement of role models. Kids should spend time with significant adults other than their parents.**

Kiwanis members can help parents bully-proof their children by sponsoring a K-Kids club. Read the [USA Weekend article](#) addressing this issue to learn more.

Club advisor resources

Where do you turn when needing resources for your K-Kids club? The Kiwanis Kids website has resources available at a glance 24-7. Use these website links to find the information you need.

[Faculty advisor checklist](#)

[Kiwanis advisor checklist](#)

[Advisor calendar](#)

[Contest information](#)

[Publications](#) – Service project ideas

[How to earn banner patches](#)

[Fundraising ideas](#)

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New K-Kids website coming soon!

The K-Kids website received a facelift and will be available for viewing soon. The website is housed with two other Kiwanis Kids recognition programs, Terrific Kids character education program and Bring Up Grades academic achievement program. If you're looking for a variety of resources access all three websites where you'll find useful tools.

Spring poster campaign

Spring is here and people are out walking their dogs. Ask K-Kids members to create posters with safety tips for how to avoid dog bites. Learn more from the [Humane Society of the United States](#).

Helping tsunami victims



The earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan has received lots of news coverage. Students hear about the devastation caused by this natural disaster and wonder why it occurred and how they can help. Here are resources to assist with educating K-Kids club members.

[Tsunami lesson plans](#)

[Tsunami lesson plans and videos](#)

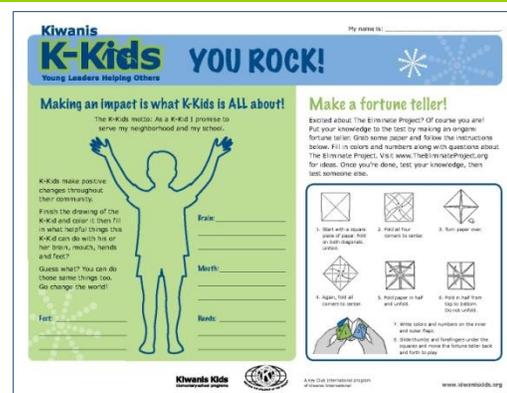
[Lesson plans & resources from *The New York Times*](#)

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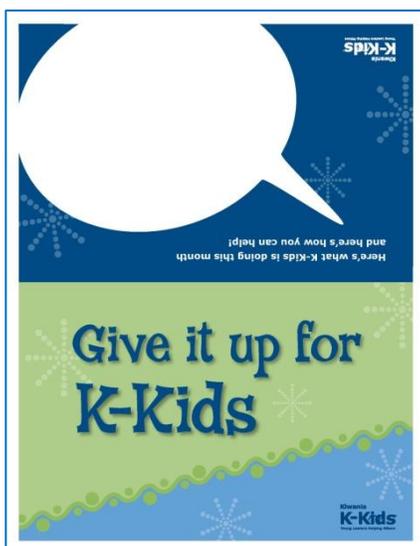
If your K-Kids club is interested in donating funds to help the victims of this natural disaster the Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) is now accepting donations designated for disaster relief. Funds collected will be granted to earthquake and tsunami relief efforts. Be sure to click on the "Give" button on the [Kiwanis International Foundation](#) page.

K-Kids placemats

[K-Kids placemats](#) are available as a downloadable file from the Kiwanis Kids website. Use these fun placemats at your next K-Kids club meeting. The placemat shares information about the new Kiwanis Global Campaign for Children, [The Eliminate Project](#). An activity for sharing information about The Eliminate Project is highlighted on the placemat.



Promoting school-wide K-Kids projects



Download the K-Kids [cafeteria table tent](#) to keep everyone in your school up to speed regarding upcoming K-Kids service projects. Print the table tent, write information about the next big K-Kids project, fold and place on tables in the school's cafeteria.

Remember to place table tents in the teacher's lounge to keep teachers apprised of the next K-Kids community service project.

Sharing information during the lunch hour is a fun way of including the entire school in K-Kids club service.

Our club submitted contest entries, what's next?

Here's what happens during the K-Kids contest judging process. K-Kids clubs mail contest entries to their Kiwanis Kids district administrator. The district administrator organizes a committee that judges contest submissions for each category and awards a first, second and third place district winner. District winners receive certificates.

The first place district winner within each category is forwarded on to Kiwanis International. Kiwanis International staff judge international submissions and award first, second and third place overall winners for each category in mid-May. Kiwanis International mails recognition items to the Kiwanis district administrator for presentation.

Some district administrators invite contest winners to attend a Kiwanis district event where recognition is presented. If this isn't possible the contest winner will be recognized by the Kiwanis advisor at a K-Kids club meeting, or during a Kiwanis club meeting.

Contest categories and recognition:



Contest	District recognition—first, second, third	International recognition —first, second, third
Speech	Certificate	Medallion & certificate
Essay	Certificate	Medallion & certificate
Art	Certificate	Medallion & certificate
Single Service	Certificate, banner patch	Trophy & certificate
Scrapbook	Certificate, banner patch	Trophy & certificate
Leadership Award		Plaque, certificate, US\$200 savings bond

Remember to check the Kiwanis Kids [contest page](#) for the list of contest winners.

Earth Day

K-Kids are invited to take part in Earth Day on April 22. People all over the world are pledging to take action and contribute to the well being of the environment. Here are resources to assist you and your club with conducting creative projects.

[Earth Day activities](#)

[Eco Kids](#)

[Earth Day worksheets](#)



Kiwanis Kids has a YouTube channel



We need your help in adding K-Kids videos to the new Kiwanis Kids YouTube channel. Posting videos is a great way to share information about how your K-Kids club members are making an impact within the school and community. Take a moment to visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/kiwaniskidstv>.

Educate with Kiwanis videos

Are you interested in sharing information about Kiwanis with your K-Kids members? Now there's an easy way to do this through YouTube.

Schedule time during a K-Kids club meeting to access the Kiwanis International official YouTube video channel at www.youtube.com/kiwanisinternational.

You might want to consider subscribing to the Kiwanis YouTube channel so you'll be notified when new videos are posted. This is a great way to keep K-Kids members up-to-date about what's happening in Kiwanis.



Teaching with movies



Kiwanis International is pleased to partner with Heartland Truly Moving Pictures. After all, Kiwanis members are dedicated to making a difference one child and one community at a time. And Heartland believes that one film can make a difference in the world. In each case, it all begins with one person taking action. That's why Heartland offers educational programs and resources that help engage youth in service and character development activities based on themes in Heartland Truly Moving Picture Award-winning films.

Through the transformative power of film, Heartland strives to positively impact people's lives. Adult mentors, advisors and/or teachers can utilize the specially prepared curriculum guides to have a meaningful conversation and discussion with club members. [Learn more.](#)

Moving on to middle school

K-Kids members who are graduating from elementary school don't have to miss out on being part of a community service club when they go off to middle school. There's a Kiwanis service club for middle school students called Builders Club. If there isn't a Builders Club in the middle school ask your sponsoring Kiwanis club to think about starting one.

To share information with K-Kids members about the next step make time during your next K-Kids meeting for club members to visit the [Builders Club website](#) to learn more.



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