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At Hal Hutchens Elementary, All Pro Dads provides an opportunity for dads (grandfathers, uncles, friends, moms, etc.) to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship, as well as build academic knowledge for each month's activity. Since we are going virtual for our meetings this year, the meeting information will be sent out monthly and will also be available on our school website and Class Dojo School Story. Families can email their pictures of each month's activity to their teacher or to Mrs. Crystal Dankert, [cdankert@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:cdankert@paulding.k12.ga.us) to be displayed on our All Pro Dad bulletin board, Class Dojo School Story, and/or our PTA Facebook Page. *When you email your pictures, please put All Pro Dads in the subject line, so that it helps us to easily identify.* Also feel free to post your pictures on social media using the hashtag #hhesallprodad.

# March

***The focus for the month of March is "social skills" and the activity is creating a cipher wheel. Once you create your cipher wheel, you can use it to create a secret message to communicate with your friends. This gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your social skills. You could make a secret message about one of the suggested books from the "Bond Through Reading" section on the back of this flyer that you read. We can't wait to see your creations!***

***Don't forget to send us your pictures!***

## **How to make a Cipher Wheel!**

Use the following link for guidance on how to create your cipher wheel to use in creating secret messages to communicate with your friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpL5ZknSDJc>



Materials needed - cereal box, bowl, cup, scissors, ruler, pencil, paper clip

# BRING IT HOME

LET'S TALK ABOUT:

## Social Skills

### BIG IDEA

We use social skills to connect with others. Whether it's how we speak, our facial expressions, or our body language, social skills are important for building positive relationships with others. How well we sharpen these skills will be a major factor in our quality of life and long-term success.

### ACT IT OUT

The most influential people in teaching a child social skills are his or her parents. Teach your kids how to interact with others and explain why we adhere to certain social norms and practices. Practice and role play, focusing on how they introduce themselves, make eye contact, speak up, and ask questions to the other person. Teach and practice table manners. Be sure to be patient with your kids as they learn. It takes time.

### BOND THROUGH READING

PreK-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<i>Brave</i> by Stacy McAnulty	<i>What Does It Mean to Be Present?</i> by Rana DiOrio	<i>Charlie and The Chocolate Factory</i> by Roald Dahl
<i>Boo Who?</i> by Ben Clanton	<i>Do Unto Otters, a Book About Manners</i> by Laurie Keller	<i>The Hundred Dresses</i> by Eleanor Estes
<i>What Does It Mean to Be Present?</i> by Rana DiOrio	<i>Too Loud Lilly</i> by Sophie Laguna	<i>The Family Under the Bridge</i> by Natalie Savage Carlson

### TALK ABOUT IT

<b>Week 1</b>	What are some important social skills? Why?
<b>Week 2</b>	What are the best ways to manage your emotions?
<b>Week 3</b>	What are some important table manners?
<b>Week 4</b>	Have you ever had a bad interaction with someone? How did it make you feel?