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### **Kindness Rocks at Madeira Middle School**

The 6th graders at the Madeira Middle School (MMS) are spreading kindness throughout their community by hiding 130 rocks all over the city.

The movement started after the school's sixth grade English classes read a book called *Pay It Forward*. In the book, 12 year old Trevor performed three good deeds for three different people. Those people were asked to pay the kindness forward to three more people, creating a chain of kindness.

The book inspired the students to start a kindness chain in Madeira. In their effort to spread kindness, the sixth graders painted rocks in their art classes with caring messages which they hid around the city for people to find. Each rock included a picture or kindness quote to light up someone's day. Finders of the rocks were asked to take a picture to post on social media using the project's Facebook profile link and hashtag painted on the back of each one. They can then hide them for someone else to find, or keep them and paint another one to hide.

Representatives from the classes launched their kindness project at the October 28 Madeira City Council meeting. They shared their goal of spreading kindness, joy, and positivity on painted rocks with saying such as "When nothing goes right...go left," "Smile today," and "Shine Your Light."

Of their chain of warm-heartedness, MMS sixth grader Avery Silvestain proudly stated, "Trevor truly inspired us because he showed us that whatever age you are, you can make a difference."



*Pictured Left: Students Leah Allen, Aaron Hudepohl, Dustin Opichka, Tyler Bayer, Avery Silvestain, and Maddy Zoekler speak to Madeira City leaders.*



*Right: Madeira Middle School sixth graders' Kindness Rocks*