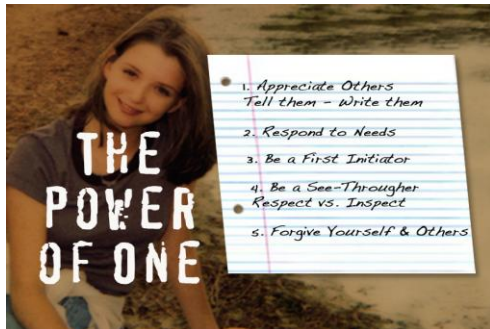




Rachel's Challenge "Lights Up Chittenango!"
A Chittenango Community Event - February 26, 2014



As the events of the last several months have tested our strength and fortitude as a community, experiencing loss and heartache on many levels, we are proud to share with you the return of Rachel's Challenge to the Chittenango CSD and Chittenango Community! Our spirit will not be broken, our unity only strengthened. **We shall prevail; we stand together...FOR We Are Chittenango! Join the movement, please attend!**

Dear Parents/Guardians of **Elementary** Students:

On **Wednesday - February 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**, Chittenango High School will host a powerful community event, the return of Rachel's Challenge. A continuation of our experience last fall, the moving presentation will heal, affirm hope and inspire the belief that each of us can start a chain reaction. As part of this community-wide event, we will be lining the Chittenango High School entrance and surrounding areas with luminaries. Just as a luminary lights the physical space around it, our show of unity will **illuminate the spirit and greatness of our Chittenango home**.

To this end, due to the efforts of our Chittenango PTAs, multiple parents and dozens of students, all elementary-aged children will receive and decorate a luminary in school to bring to the HS on **February 26th**. Classroom teachers will discuss with students that the luminaries represent the unity of our Chittenango Community and act as a symbolic reminder to light up our world with targeted acts of kindness. A lesson in that each of us can show "a little kindness" and reach out "in all the little ways," to make a big difference and start a **Chittenango chain reaction**.

If you plan to attend this event, consider bringing the luminary with you and adding it to the pathway of luminaries. Please note if you wish to retain your luminary following the event, you must take it with you that evening. If you are unable to attend the evening event, please place the luminary in a window or on your front lawn to **show your support for accepting Rachel's Challenge**.

Luminaries may be decorated in honor of a loved one, share a memory or dream...one can simply write their name. Let our strength and fortitude be known to all, that our school family and community will prevail above all odds, overcome any adversity - because at the end of the day we remain - full of courage, hope and love. **FOR Together, We Are Chittenango!**

If you (or a community member) wish to purchase a luminary, you may do so at the following locations:

Focal Credit Union: 278 Genesee Street, Chittenango
(463-8333)
Coiffures Unlimited: 204 Tuscarora Road, Chittenango
(687-6102)
Byrne Dairy: 229 Genesee Street, Chittenango
(687-3336)

