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## Union School

For the third consecutive year, the Rutherford Education Foundation (REF) is providing a grant for the "Caring Habit of the Month Adventure," which is a year-round behavior-changing program that promotes mutual respect among students by turning caring actions into habits — one month at a time.

"This program reminds our students about being good citizens," says Richard Curci, principal at Union School. "The activities permeate the school community, fostering a dynamic learning environment in which our students thrive and grow."

"The Caring Habit of the Month Adventure" has been seamlessly integrated into the curriculum, providing multi-



*Union School eighth graders Malvika Brahmbhatt, Dan Hansen, and Jordan Jones are learning to appreciate themselves and others through the "Caring Habit of the Month Adventure."*

media and academic support that strengthens the focus of other school activities and programs.

Whether it's "Do Your Best" or "Lend a Hand," there is a fun and exciting theme each month that offers students a refreshing approach to learning.

"In addition to the REF, our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a big reason this program has been so successful," says Louise Hetzel,

eighth-grade math teacher at Union School. "The contributions of both these groups ensure that the 'Caring Habit of the Month Adventure' grows year after year."

"We've seen a big difference in our students over the last three years as a result of this wonderful program," says Mr. Curci. "It helps students learn to better appreciate themselves and others."



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