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Rise and shine I.S.201! I'm William Chen from class 752 here for today's Words of Wisdom Wednesday on behalf of the S.E.A.L team.

As most of you already know, today is 9/11, otherwise known as Patriot Day. Twenty-three years ago today, it was just any ordinary Tuesday morning, until the tragic event happened; four planes were hijacked, two of them crashed into the World Trade Center, one of them hit the Pentagon in Virginia, and the last one crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. As the towers fell down, terror struck people down. Nearly three-thousand innocent lives were lost that day, students who were going to school, workers going to do their jobs, and visitors looking to enjoy their time in New York. Several selfless emergency service workers rushed to the tragedy in an attempt to rescue as many victims as possible; and although some were saved, hundreds lost their lives trying to do so.

Later in the year, Patriot Day was established by Congress in remembrance of the disastrous event. Memorials, museums, and several other sites were built to honor the blameless lives lost that day. Although

9/11 affected our economy tremendously, it also affected the citizens and lives of many. Families lost their beloved ones whether they were young or old, working or not, helper or victim. Regardless, this day was not forgotten, still isn't forgotten, and never will be. Let's dedicate today to remember the thousands of lives lost that day. George W. Bush, who was President at the time said, "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of America's resolve." Buildings and a portion of our economy faded away, but our support and care for one another did not.

Thanks for tuning in on today's message from the S.E.A.L team and I hope you have a Will Never Forget Wednesday.

SEAL Team pledge:

We are the Dyker S.E.A.L. Team  
Positivity is our dream  
We teach it every day  
To help others live the optimistic way  
We learn to control our emotions and feelings  
So, we always have effective social dealings  
No stone left unturned; no person left behind  
Every member of our team has the power to be kind

We spread kindness to our friends, families, and those who need a smile  
When facing hardships and adversity, the S.E.A.L. Team goes the extra mile

