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Rise and shine, I.S.201! This is William Chen of class 852 speaking to you for today's Motivational Monday on behalf of the S.E.A.L Team!

First of all, welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed your time off and was able to put your mind at ease for the time being. Moving forward, did you know that today is World Peace and Understanding Day? This holiday takes place every year on February 23rd to commemorate the first meeting of the Rotary International. Creating thousands of thousands of clubs, Rotary International garners community leaders from all around the world and concentrates on specific issues in high-impact areas, whether it may be fighting diseases, providing clean water, or supporting better education.

Some of these projects have gone up to spans of even 45 years, such as the PolioPlus program they enacted in 1985, which has contributed nearly 3 billion dollars and reduced global polio cases by approximately 99.9% since 1979. Their efforts are truly prime examples of using peace and understanding to help combat problems that are critical in our society.

Like Frederick Douglass, today's affirmation is: "I help others find their voice."

Thanks for listening and have a Mutual Respect Monday 😊

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

