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# Local Students Help New Peers Adjust
*Jerry Zucker Middle School Starts Junior Student to Student Program*

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Imagine moving to new town. Imagine walking into a new school in your new town for the first time. You do not know anyone. You do not know your way around the school. Everything at your new school seems very different from your old school. How will you ever figure things out and find a place to fit in?  That's where Junior Student to Student comes in. Junior Student to Student, which is modeled after the high school program Student to Student, is based on the premise that moving to a new school or city does not have to be difficult – just different. Students who are selected to be part of the Junior Student to Student (JS2S) program, along with two adult sponsors, undergo a two-day training with facilitators from the Military Child Education Coalition.  Following the training, the core JS2S team is ready to recruit and train more student members and to help new students adjust to their school. Like Student to Student, JS2S was founded as a program to assist students in military families who on average will have transitioned eight or nine times during their middle school years. All new students, though – not just those in military families – benefit from JS2S. The Junior Student 2 Student program at Jerry Zucker Middle School is sponsored by guidance Counselor Mr. James Brooks with assistance from librarian Ms. Miranda Cary. The core JS2S team includes 6th graders Kenny Coronel, Tristan Fryer, Jasmine Hornsby and Dakota Wald, and 7th graders Alexzandria Mickle and Hayden Wald.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter or librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.