

Character Education Newsletter

June 1, 2012 - Month of Sincerity



June Spotlight

Character Education based programs have been a priority of ADE for many years, and the annual program survey and its results are very important to the State of Arizona. If your school hasn't already, please take the time to respond to the survey [here](#).

Tips and Tricks

Being a role model

Did you look up to your older brother or sister when you were growing up? Who did you want to be like? When you were in high school, did you admire an athlete or other prominent figure? How would you like to be the focus of that admiration? Children look up to adults for guidance and clarity. If you demonstrate how they should live, they will follow. Lead by example with sincerely good character.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Pillar of the Month

Trustworthiness

Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat, or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country

Character Education Quote of the Month

KNOWLEDGE WILL GIVE YOU POWER, BUT CHARACTER RESPECT. -Bruce Lee

Attribute of the Month: Sincerity

We are encouraged to tell the truth, but what is behind that truth? Sincerity means displaying genuine emotions. When you are happy, smiling comes easily. When you are sad, it is much harder to hold a smile in place. That's sincerity speaking to you. Being sincere means expressing your emotions instead of hiding them and to be truthful, you must be sincere.

Random Character Attributes at Work

A 9 year old boy from Kingston, Mass., demonstrated his amazing character this month when he gave a Disney World trip to a little girl who lost her father to war. And when he was offered another trip for himself, he again turned it down in favor of giving it to another family of a fallen soldier. Now that's generosity!



Generosity is one of the character attributes listed under Arizona State Legislature 15-154.01.



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A Message from Dr. Ann Hart



Invest in our Children – Model Good Character

By Dr. Ann Hart

What has happened to our society? Have we done our best as parents and guardians to promote good character within ourselves? Have we demonstrated the kind of behavior that we expect to see displayed within our children? Have we prepared our children with the appropriate behavior necessary to help them develop into respectful young men and women? What kind of character does your child display at and away from home?

“It takes a Village to Raise a Child” promotes positive participation by all stakeholders in our communities to help children succeed. Parents and guardians must do all that can be done to foster positive and healthy home environments. We must expose our children and youth to positive behaviors that help shape and build character.

Positive behavior displayed through warm greetings, positive feedback, hand-shakes and hugs nourishes the heart and stimulates the soul. Thoughtful displays of kindness encourage healthy choices and promote wise-decision making among peer-to-peer interactions. Human acts of kindness may help children to love unconditionally, expecting nothing in return.



Parents and guardians, teachers & leaders, each have a moral obligation to teach our children how to be good citizens, maintain good attendance, practice honesty and fairness in all that they do. Reinforcing positive behavior and conduct must be taught. Demonstrate to children what this looks and feels like, while instilling positive values that help to build good character in their daily lives. Good character embodies incorporating essential skills that reinforce positive behavior, behavior that fosters positive interactions from others.

We must invest qualities into our character that serve as models to everyone around us, especially our children; Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Self-Control, Respect, Perseverance, Kindness and Love. The Amazing Grace of it all allows one to feel good, and to do well. We must do all we can to create vapors of compassion and generosity, sincerity, respect, AND promote goodwill among one another.

It takes a Village to Raise a Child promotes positive participation by all stakeholders in our communities in a united effort to develop positive change for humanity.

Remember; we must truly model character traits that foster an infectious moral commitment to do unto others as you wish them to do unto you.