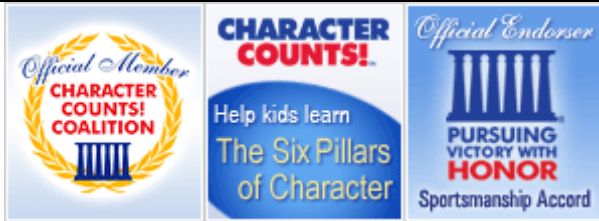


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## Character Counts Corner

### The End of Halloween

Four years ago I talked about a Halloween evening with Minnie Mouse, Jasmine, Tinker Bell, and Tigger. At that time, my quartet of daughters were 7 though 12, and I lamented then that the babies I used to carry and the little girls who once wouldn't let go of my hand had morphed into boisterous, confident young ladies well on their way to independence.

Halloween has been one of my favorite holidays ever since I became a dad. I loved the earnest discussions of who my kids wanted to be, and I enjoyed watching them timidly ring bells and triumphantly return showing the treasures they'd collected – all capped off by counting, sorting, and trading items from gigantic piles of sugar-loaded loot.

Well, my Halloween Daddy Days ended this week. For the first time in 16 years, my wife Anne and I stayed home to dole out goodies to other people's children.

All but one daughter dispersed to different parts of the city to share the evening with their friends. And the one who decided to troll our neighborhood had her own entourage and no need or desire for parental chaperones.

And so, like millions of parents before us, Anne and I sighed, marveled, and cried a little wondering where the time had gone.

The answer, of course, is that all those years are wrapped like candy in moment-sized packets. Giggles, tantrums, hugs, squeals of joy, sobs of pain, and so much more fill the treat bag in our hearts.

The thing is, we can't spend too much time looking back because too much is still ahead. We must pay close attention and savor every moment knowing in four more years we'll be missing the days we have right now.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

### American Legion Post 280 Fall Soup Supper.

Come and enjoy Oyster Stew, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Chili or Ham and Bean Soup.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Legion Hall in Bennet.



## School and Community Events

### Veterans' Day Luncheon

To honor those Bennet area Veterans who have served in the armed forces, Bennet Elementary would like to extend an invitation to Veteran's and their spouses to come and enjoy lunch with us on Wednesday, November, 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to come for lunch, please call the school at 782-3535 and let us know! We will have a special table set up for you! We are having Creamed Turkey, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Roll and Milk that day. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 12:30. We would love to hear from our area veterans!



### Our Winter Concert is approaching!

On Tuesday December 1st, we will host our Elementary Winter Concert at Palmyra High School. Students in grades K-3 will perform at 6:30 p.m. The 4-6th grades will perform at 7:45 p.m. Please note that this is earlier than last year. More information will be announced in the following weeks. Hope to see you all there!

### Halloween Spooks on Parade



There were lots of spooks, goblins, super heroes, princesses and many other characters on display at the annual "Parade of Spooks," at Bennet Elementary last Friday. As always, a large group of parents and patrons were on hand to check out all of the costumes. Following the parade, students returned to their classrooms for snacks and games. A special thank you to all

the parents who helped out with treats, and getting kids into their outfits. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Halloween!

Click on the link below to get to our website where you may read this story and click on pictures of many of the students, parents and staff during the parade. If you see a photo of a favorite character and would like a copy sent to you, contact Mr. Robb at [srobb@esu6.org](mailto:srobb@esu6.org) and he will gladly e-mail a jpeg file back to you.

<http://www.districtor1.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4af0538f9a696>

### **RTI: Let's Look At the Tiers**

A major component of RTI is the Three Tiers of Intervention. As you progress from Tier I to Tier 3 the interventions become more intensive and involve more team input, but involve fewer students. The following is a guide line of the three tiers and their major components.

#### **Tier 1: Core Classroom Instruction**

- \*All students receive quality instruction from highly qualified staff.
- \*80% of these students will be successful while others will need interventions to help them achieve success.
- \*Communication between parent and teacher
- \*Communication can be in the form of a formal sit down meeting, phone call, written note, or brief talk.

#### **Tier 2: Small Group**

- \*Target interventions are put in place for students who were not successful at Tier 1.
- \*15% of the students will be successful in Tier 2.
- \*This is a group plan that involves the Rtl team.

#### **Tier 3: Intense Intervention**

- \*Intense individual or small group instruction.
- \*5% of the students will need Tier 3.
- \*Special Education may be needed.
- \*Individual plan that can involve more people than just the Rtl team like Speech Pathologist.

### **Lost Dog**

Faith and Jacob Pracht have lost their dog. His name is Shadow and he is a black cocker spaniel. He was lost last Saturday afternoon around 190th St. and Panama Rd. If you have any information or find him, please call Rita Pracht at 499-6560. Thank you for your time and help, Rita Pracht.

### **Elementary Boosters Mtg.**

The next meeting for the Elementary Boosters will be this coming Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Lunch Room. Come and join us to plan our next events.

### **Movie Night Planned for Bennet Elementary Students!**



Mr. Brown, Mr. Robb and members of the Elementary Boosters are planning a **Movie Night for the afternoon of Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Activities and movies are planned from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. It will make a great afternoon for parents to get

away for holiday shopping. This year instead of snacks we are once again asking that parents only provide a drink and a can donation for the area food banks for admission to the movie night. We will be providing Hot Dogs and Popcorn for treats that afternoon. There will be two movies shown at the same time. There will be movies and cartoons for grades K-3, and a movie for grades 4-6. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Brown, Mrs. Dawson or Mr. Robb at 782-3535.

### **Parking in the Circle Drive and Preschool Parking Lot**

We are having some problems with congestion in the Circle Drive and Preschool Parking lot after school. The preschool parking lot is meant to be used by parents who have children in preschool. The circle drive is for bus loading and unloading from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you only have elementary children to pick up, we request that you use the parking lot south of the school, or park on Cottonwood St. north of the school to pick up your children. Thanks for your cooperation!



### **Accelerated Reader Comprehension Awards**

First Quarter AR Comprehension Awards were handed out this week. For the first qtr. we had 63 students qualify for the award, by maintaining an 80% average on their AR quizzes and acquiring at least 15 points. Their award for the first qtr. was a squeezable squirting fish, which follows the aquatic theme for AR this year, "Let's Dive into Reading." As of Wednesday, students were at 4000 points for the year which is getting close to the 5000 points needed for our first school wide reward surprise! Our goal is to reach this before Thanksgiving.