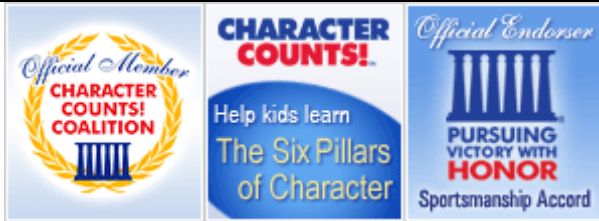


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## Character Counts Corner The Value of Trust

A teenager wants to go to a party, but she's sure her mom won't let her. So she and her friend concoct a false cover story.

What's the big deal? Most kids lie to their parents from time to time, and their parents probably lied to their parents. Despite rhetoric about virtue being its own reward, a great many adults – and a higher proportion of kids – are more likely to make their choices based on a calculation of risks and benefits than moral principles.

Since young people are particularly susceptible to choices that indulge impulses and favor immediate needs and wants, we need to teach them how making bad choices to gratify such desires can sabotage their most important relationships and impede critical life objectives.

Every dishonest act has at least two potential consequences: 1) the actual penalty, and 2) loss of trust. The second is by far the more serious and underestimated.

This is especially true in parent-child relationships. Where trust is important, there are no little lies. When parents don't believe their children, their cords of control will be tighter and held longer. The price of lying is lost freedom.

It's often difficult to predict how a decision today will affect tomorrow, but dishonesty often has a lasting negative impact on relationships and reputations as well as self-image and character.

From both a moral and practical perspective, honesty is the best policy.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

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Presents:  
"Wiley and the Hairy Man"  
Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. At  
7:00 p.m.  
Palmyra High School Gym**



## School and Community Events

### Bennet Elementary Hosts Veteran's Day Luncheon

Over 25 former and current armed service members and many of their spouses took part in our Veteran's Day Luncheon on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Our special guests were treated to a lunch of sliced turkey, potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit, rolls and dessert. Students from the third grade made thank you cards for the veterans and the lunch room was decorated in patriotic themes for the day. Our students were quite impressed with our visitors. Bennet Elementary would like to express their thanks to all of our area veterans for their service to our country.



Pictured above are some of the Veterans and their spouses during the luncheon Wednesday. Over 25 veterans attended the event.

### Granny's Comfort Closet Trade Day

The next trade date at Granny's Comfort Closet is Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the school building in Panama. We will be accepting donations of children's clothes for all seasons. We will be accepting winter coats and boots of all sizes. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Barb @ 430-7842 or Jane @ 799-2067.



There will be a great selection of shirts, jeans, coats, and shoes for fall. Come and

shop! Free clothing – No Cash Allowed!

### Granny's Comfy Closet to Host Christmas Coffee for Adults

Granny's Comfy Closet is once again hosting a Christmas Coffee for Adults to shop (please do not bring children) for Christmas gifts. Again this year it will be free – but you must sign up for a shopping time. The dates for the coffee are Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. each day. Please contact Barb Walline at 430-7842 to sign up for a time.

### Palmyra Drama Department Presents "Wiley and the Hairy Man"

The Palmyra Drama Dept. will present "Wiley and the Hairy Man" a one-act play on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The play will take place in the Palmyra High School Gym. This is the play that they will present at the District One-Act Play competition later this month.



### 4th Grade Boys Basketball



All 4th grade boys who signed up to play YMCA basketball will have an organizational meeting and open gym Monday, November 16, at 6:00, in the Bennet Elementary Gym. We will be finished by 7:30. We will have another Open Gym on Monday, November 23, from 6:00-7:30.

Official practices won't start until Monday, November 30. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions you can contact Colleen Childers at 782-6603 OR email her at [cchilders64@gmail.com](mailto:cchilders64@gmail.com).

### 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!

### Bennet Student in Nebraska Youth Theatre Production

Ben Kirchner, a sixth grade student at Bennet Elementary, is a cast member in the Nebraska Youth Theatre production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Ben will be



performing on November 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Haymarket Theatre at 803 Q St. The performances are 7 p.m. both days. A matinee performance will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and seniors. Good luck Ben!

### Movie Matinee Planned for Bennet Elementary Students!

Mr. Brown, Mr. Robb and members of the Elementary Boosters are planning a **Movie Matinee 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. We will be providing Hot Dogs and Popcorn for treats. 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.



### Third Grade Readers Visit the Preschool Sharing books and making new friends is fun for everyone!

Ms. Winter's third grade students selected books they thought a preschool student would enjoy hearing read aloud, practiced those books and prepared to come visiting. Preschool students really did not know what to expect but it sounded exciting!

Seventeen third graders really fill up the preschool classroom, but after being assigned a partner and finding a place somewhere to settle in, the sound of many reading voices filled the air. When books were finished the preschool students took their new third grade friends on a tour of their classroom and everyone had a few minutes to check things out.

With a fresh baked cookie and a big thank , the third graders went back to the elementary with promises to get together again and read more good books. Perhaps next time the preschool students will visit the third grade classroom and check out those big desks!

Check out this story on the web and view more pictures at [www.districtor1.org](http://www.districtor1.org).

