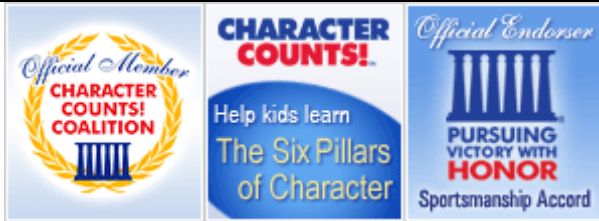


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## Character Counts Corner

### It's Not Easy

Let's be honest. Ethics is not for wimps. It's not easy being a good person.

It's not easy to be honest when it might be costly, to play fair when others cheat, or to keep promises that are inconvenient.

It's not easy to stand up for our beliefs and still respect differing viewpoints.

It's not easy to control powerful impulses, to be accountable for our attitudes and actions, to tackle unpleasant tasks, or to sacrifice the now for later.

It's not easy to bear criticism and learn from it without getting angry, to take advice, or to admit error.

It's not easy to feel genuine remorse and apologize sincerely or to accept an apology graciously and truly forgive.

It's not easy to stop feeling like a victim, to resist cynicism, or to make the best of every situation.

It's not easy to be consistently kind, to think of others first, to judge generously, or to give the benefit of the doubt.

It's not easy to be grateful or to give without concern for reward or gratitude.

It's not easy to fail and still keep trying, to learn from failure, to risk failing again, to start over, to lose with grace, or to be glad of another's success.

It's not easy to look at ourselves honestly and be accountable, to avoid excuses and rationalizations, or to resist temptations.

No, being a person of character is not easy. That's why it's such a lofty goal and an admirable achievement.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.



## School and Community Events

### Thanksgiving Break Next Week

School will dismiss at the normal 3:20 dismissal time on Wednesday, November 25th for the start of Thanksgiving Vacation. There will be no classes on

Thursday or Friday of that week in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. School will resume on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. The staff at Bennet Elementary wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.



### 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.



### Elementary Boosters Looking for Cookie Donations

The Elementary Boosters are looking for parent donations of two dozen cookies for Movie Matinee Day, on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call Laura at 782-3535 if you can help.

### Winter Concert Rehearsal:



We will have our Winter Concert rehearsal at the High School on **Monday, November 30th**. Please plan ahead, as this is the Monday after Thanksgiving break. Band students be sure to have your instruments with you that day. Again, **our concert is on**

**Tuesday December 1st**. Grades K-3 perform at 6:30 p.m. Grades 4-6 and the band, perform at 7:45 p.m.

A memo from Mrs. McCreight about the Winter Program is being sent home today with the newsletter. It has all the information about the Winter Concert and rehearsal.

### Sesame Street Live Tickets

Sesame Street Live will make an appearance at Pershing Center on January 22 - 24 with four performances.

Imagine singing and dancing with Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird and all your favorite Sesame Street Live friends! This high energy musical will transport audiences to far and away places as Ernie captains the high seas, Elmo dances to the rhythm of the African rainforest and Bert meets an octopus who has the blues. It's a story of adventure and fun that teaches children they can be anyone, do anything and go anywhere, with the power of imagination.



We have a number of Special Group Discount Coupons available at school. You may use these coupons to purchase tickets at a low group price. Simply take the coupon to the Pershing box office and purchase the number of tickets you'd like for the performance of your choice. If you are interested, see Laura in the school office.

### 4th Grade Boys Basketball



All 4th grade boys who signed up to play YMCA basketball, 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.

### The 4th Grade is Going Bananas for Multiplication! By Mr. Sybrant and Mrs. Sullivan

You heard right! The fourth grade is going bananas! To help learn their multiplication facts the fourth grade did an extra mad minute everyday in Math. Everyone started on his or her 2's. Once they passed their 2's, they moved onto their 3's. They kept going like this until they got past the 9's. Once they passed their 9's they moved on to mixed pages. To help motivate the students to memorize their facts they worked towards building a banana split. Each test that they passed, they earned an ingredient of a banana split. When we finished our mad minutes the students earned a banana split party!

The fourth grade celebrated their banana split party on Friday, November 13th. Thanks to all the families who helped bring ingredients. It was a delicious way to learn our multiplication facts!



The Fourth Grade Banana Split Multiplication Board!

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**School will resume on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!**