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## Character Counts Corner

### What I Know About Life

The older I get the less I know, but I know some things:

I know that I'm a work in process and that there will always be a gap between who I am and who I want to be.

I know that I don't have to be sick to get better and that every day brings opportunities to improve my life and my character.

I know that it's easier to talk about integrity than to live it and that the true test is my willingness to do the right thing even when it costs more than I want to pay.

I know that character is more important than competence.

I know that it takes years to build up trust and only seconds to destroy it.

I know that I often judge myself by my best intentions and most noble acts, but that I'll be judged by my last worst act.

I know that I can't control what will happen to me but that I have a lot to say about what happens in me.

I know that pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional.

I know that attitudes, both good and bad, are contagious.

I know that winning is more than coming in first and that there's no real victory without honor.

I know that it takes a conscientious effort to be kind, but that kindness changes lives.

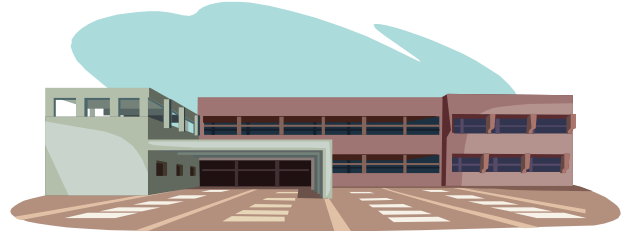
I know that neither gratitude nor forgiveness comes naturally; both often require acts of will.

I know that real success is being significant.

I know that happiness is deeper and more enduring than either pleasure or fun and that I'm generally as happy as I'm willing to be.

I know that the surest road to happiness is good relationships and that the best way to have good relationships is to be a good person.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.



## School and Community Events

### ATTENTION CHOCOLATE LOVERS!

#### Sixth Grade Holiday Chocolate Orders Due Dec. 7th!

Order forms for Baker's Chocolates were sent home last week with the newsletter. You may order 8 oz. boxes for \$4.50 or 12 oz boxes for \$6.00. Orders must be placed by Monday, December 7th. The distribution date for chocolates to go home with the students will be the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Extra order forms are available in the office. These make great gifts for any chocolate lover.



Proceeds from the sales will be used to make a donation to the Peoples City Mission in Lincoln.

### Movie Matinee for Bennet Elementary Students This Sunday!



Mr. Brown, Mr. Robb and members of the Elementary Boosters will be hosting our **Movie Matinee this 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.

**Students in Grades K-3 will be watching the Disney Pixar movie "UP," in the cafeteria. Grades 4-6 will be watching "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," in the gym.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Brown, Mrs. Dawson or Mr. Robb at 782-3535.

### PANTHERS Hooded Sweatshirt

We plan on ordering hooded sweatshirts again this year.



They will be identical to the red hooded sweatshirts many students have been wearing around this past year (panther print on the front with "PANTHERS" written above it; last name on the back). Order forms are being sent home with all elementary students today, and are available in the elementary or high school offices. If interested, please fill out the form and return it with payment (\$30/sweatshirt) to Dave Baasch, Julie Baasch, elementary

office, or high school office **BY DECEMBER 18th.**

Any profits from the sale of these sweatshirts will help support the Panthers Youth Wrestling Program. Orders without payment will not be processed! Make checks payable to Dave Baasch.

### Western Otoe County Food Pantry

The Western Otoe County Food Pantry is accepting food donations at this time. It provides emergency/short term food service needs for area residents. The food pantry is located in the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, at 955 C Street, in Palmyra, NE. If you are in need of this service, please contact one of the following:

Wilma Halvorsen at 780-5884

Verle Schroder at 780-5842

Diana Poskochil at 580-1234

All inquiries are confidential.

### Granny's Comfy Closet Trade Day

The next trade day will be December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 1:00, at the Countryside Alliance Church in Princeton. There will be a great selection of clothes and items for Christmas. No donations will be accepted at this trade day. If you have any questions, contact Barb at 430-7842 or Jane at 799-2067.

### Elementary Cheer Camp Set for January

The High School Cheerleaders will sponsor a cheer camp for elementary students. The camp is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00A.M. – 12:00P.M. A flyer with information and registration form is being sent home today with the newsletter.

### H1N1Flu Shot Clinics

Information about H1N1 Flu Shot clinics in Otoe and Lancaster County is available at the school office. There will be a shot clinic in Syracuse on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the High School Auditorium. The clinic lasts from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. In Lancaster County shots are given by appointment at the Health Department located at 32<sup>nd</sup>. and O Street. Screening and consent forms are available in the school office.

### Bennet Winter Music Program

A full house was on hand Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, for the annual Bennet Elementary Winter Music Program. Students in grades K-3 performed, "An All-American Christmas," while grades 4-6 performed "Swinging Holiday." In addition, the fifth and sixth grade bands performed a number of holiday tunes. The students

did a great job, naturally! The third grade performance about Pumpkin Pies was a hit, particularly at the end, when they presented Mr. Robb with a whipped cream surprise! (If anyone has a digital picture of Mr. Robb's surprise and would like to e-mail a copy to him, the email address is robb.ste@districtor1.net).

Thanks to everyone who helped set up chairs in the gym prior to the K-3 concert! You just jumped in and helped, and that is part of what makes our community so special. Bravo!

To all the students: GREAT JOB!

To the teachers and staff: THANK YOU!

To Mr. Robb: THANKS FOR BEING A GOOD SPORT!

Mrs. McCreight.

### Pictures from the Winter Concert!



The Kindergarten classes were ready and raring to go before the concert on Tuesday. They performed a song called "Snow Pants."



The First grade did a great job during their song, "Over the River and Through the Woods."



The Bennet Singers, which consists of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, sang two songs at the program, "Winter Walk" and "North Pole North Pole."