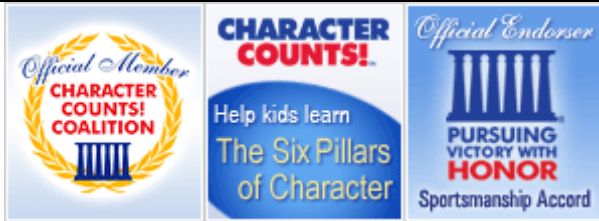


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Character Counts Corner

The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. never reached the age of 40, but his speeches and writings document his legacy of wisdom and eloquence. He was an effective leader and a modern-day prophet.

He was only 29 when he said, "Human progress is neither automatic or inevitable. No social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle, the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

Later he said, "Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. It cuts without wounding and ennoble the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals."

And, "We will never have peace in the world until men everywhere recognize that ends are not cut off from the means because the means represent the end in process, and ultimately you cannot reach good ends through evil means because the means represent the seed and the end represents the tree."

The night before he was killed, he uttered these prophetic words: "We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now because I've been to the mountaintop. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain, and...I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we, as people, will get to the Promised Land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not fearing any man."

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.



School and Community Events

P-T Conferences Approaching

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 9th. Second semester P-T Conferences for Bennet Elementary will be taking place from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. on that day. School will dismiss at 1:10 p.m. at Bennet and 1:30 at the High School for the conferences. **After School Rec. Program will be held on that day.**

We will send home notes about the times for your children's conferences on Friday, February 5th. If you have any questions about your times or wish to change the times you have been given, please contact the school at 782-3535 and we will do our best to work out a more convenient time.

Box Tops for Education

We are still collecting Box Tops for education from General Mills products.



Recently, we received a check for over \$900.00 from General Mills for our collections last school year. The ladies that collect and package the box tops have indicated that we are not collecting as many as we have in the past. So, we thought a little reminder to let you know that we are still collecting was in order. We would like to thank all those people who have taken the time to not only purchase General Mills products, but also cut out, collect and send the box tops to our school! Thanks for your efforts!

Dinosaurs and Disasters at University Of NE State Museum

The University of Nebraska State Museum and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Geosciences will host the 6th annual "Dinosaurs and Disasters" family fun day, 9:30 – 4:30 p.m, February 6th, at Morrill Hall, located south of 14th and Vine Streets.

Dinosaurs and Disasters provides a day of discovery and hands-on activities throughout the museum with more than 20 stations staffed by UNL scientists, graduate and undergraduate students. Attendance topped 2,600 last year and, weather permitting, the same turnout is expected this year. This year's theme is "Extinction." Activities and games will help visitors to better understand

the natural world and explore the reasons behind the extinction of living things. Scientists will explain extinction in Earth's history by interpreting disasters, climate change, and other catastrophic events.

Visitors are also encouraged to bring rocks or fossils to the museum for scientists to identify. This is one of the museum's most popular stations among visitors and scientists alike.

Mueller Planetarium will present special showings of "Natural Selection," a new full dome show introducing the ideas of English naturalist Charles Darwin. Audiences will go aboard the H.M.S. Beagle and explore the beauty of nature on the Galapagos Islands. The show features stunning imagery of creatures from the ocean to the land. This presentation is a preview of the upcoming full-length feature that will debut later this year. It has a running time of 30 minutes. Show times are 11 a.m., noon, and 1,2,3 and 4 p.m.

Make plans to attend a great family event at Morrill Hall on February 6th.

Nebulizer For Sale

For Sale , one ProNebultra Compression Nebulizer. For information contact Lacie at 450-5223

AR Comprehension Awards

Second Qtr AR Comprehension Awards were held Thursday, January 21st. This quarter we had 87 students qualify for the Comprehension Award. Award winners received a surfboard keychain. In order to qualify, they had to have acquired 15 points in AR Quizzes and maintained an 80% average on all their quizzes. As of January 20th, 2010, the total number of points students had reached was 6,800, which is about 800 points ahead of last year's pace!

The following students received the AR Comprehension Award for second quarter:

Grade One; Keagan Callahan, Madison Collier, Jami Gabriel, Jarin Pope, Madison Taylor, Isaac Thomas, Teagan Bogle, Reese Calkins, Austin David, Raima Hinkley, Daniel, Hobelman, Lukas Lindeman, Taya Ptacnik, Zane Stubbendeck, Rebecca Traeger, and Terrance Versaw.

Grade Two; Sophia Bonifant, Abby Champagne, Garret Beck, Alexander Geiszler, Harley Greenfield, Anthony Hall, Henry Iwan, Jeffery Newton, Dillan Reed, Micheal Rempel, Cassidy Skinner, Nathan Wooner, Eathan Hornby, Joshua Jones, Kaleb Kempkes, Cayden Maahs, Jordan Majerus, Faith Pracht, Madelyn Sweney.

Grade Three; Nicholas Bisesi, Christopher Bonifant, Shelby Enoch, Abbie Frazee, Skylar Taylor, Anya Bogen, Alexis Boyd, Haylee Gardner, Zachary Hartwick, Grace Leuschen, Ethan Renken, Logan Shay, Caleb Stedman, Isabelle Thomas, Tyson White.

Grade Four; Timmin Christian, Riley Dillon, Thomas Doran, Brandon Filkin, Kord Haight, Justin Hennecke, Matthew Hobelman, Trace Baasch, Drew Bessey, Hannah Boyd,

Tommie Childers, Kessler, Decker, Landon Hornby, Kristopher Phillips, Wesley Steward, Aubrey Wheatley. **Grade Five;** Kyle Lovell, Alex Broening, Kristen Broening, Jaci Hennecke, Haley Juranek, Brandon Martin, Carly Poskochil

Grade Six; Katelyn Decker, Frankie Jo Dowding, Jonathon Fitzsimons, Trent Frazee, Houston Hornby, Drew Huxoll, Miranda Jangula, Ryan Juilfs, Brandon McPherrin, Hailey Jo Wood, Ben Kirchner, Caitlyn Montz, Sarma Rutmanis, Olivia Versaw, Alyssa Vollmer.



A.R. Comprehension Award winners for Grades 1-3 are shown above.



Grades 4 – 6 Comprehension Award winners are shown above.