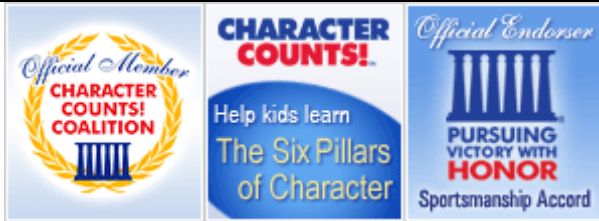


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Character Counts Corner

The Essence of Sportsmanship

In the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, six-time medalist Eugenio Monti from Italy was favored to win the gold medal in the bobsledding pair event. After his team's last run, it looked like they were going to make it.

The British team, led by Tony Nash Jr., still had a chance, but before their final run, Nash discovered a critical axle bolt had broken on their sled. They were done.

Without hesitation, Monti removed the bolt from his sled and rushed it up to Nash's team. They were able to continue, and their run was so strong they won the gold medal.

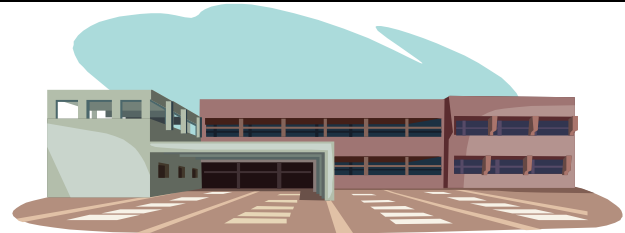
The Italian press viciously criticized Monti for giving up the gold, but he was steadfast. "Nash didn't win because I gave him the bolt," he said. "He won because he had the fastest run."

Olympic swimming medalist John Naber says a true sportsman, one who believes in the Olympic ideal, not only wants to win, he wants to win against his best opponent on his best day. A true sportsman is not elated, but disappointed, when top competitors are injured or disqualified.

Monti won the gold medal at the next Winter Olympics, but it was his willingness to lose that earned him a prominent place in Olympic history. His act represents sportsmanship at its best: the pursuit of victory with zeal and passion, recognizing that there's no true victory without honor.

Today, with so many teams and athletes willing to cheat or behave badly to win, we need reminders of the noble potential of sports. Parents and coaches should teach youngsters that the real glory of sport is in the striving, not the winning.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.



School and Community Events

Bennet Elementary Family Read-athon Tuesday, March 2nd!

Mom and Dad, Daughter and Son.

Come and join us Everyone!

To read, and read, and read some more

To watch our AR numbers soar.

Reading, reading is the way

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Families here. Families there.

Families reading everywhere!

Parents and children yes indeed, deed, deed

How many books can we read, read, read?



Who? Bennet Moms and Dads, Sons and Daughters

What? Family Dinner & Reading Night

Where? Bennet Elementary School

When? Tuesday, March 2nd from 5 - 7 p.m.

How? Many AR points can we get?

Bennet Elementary Boosters invite you to Dine and Read.

Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. Free will donation with proceeds following expenses to go to the Jeremy and Michelle Bruce Family.

Stay to AR read and test with your child. Let's see how many AR points we can earn in 2 hours!



Parents and Children are encouraged to bring a pillow or mat to lay on the floor while they read!

Bennet Elementary Plans to READ ACROSS AMERICA Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

In 1998 the National Education Association created Read Across America as an annual reading motivation and awareness program

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that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss.

If you would like to read aloud to students at Bennet Elementary call the office at 782-3535, and leave your name and number, and Becky Hall will return your call to make arrangements for March 2nd.

Just a reminder:

*You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,
To pick up a book and read with a child.
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,
To pick up a book and share what you've got.*

*In schools and communities,
Let's gather around,
Let's pick up a book,
Let's pass it around.*

*There are kids all around you,
Kids who will need
Someone to hug,
Someone to read.*

*Come join us March 2nd
Your own special way
And make this America's
Read to Kids Day.*

Staff v. Fifth and Sixth Grade Basketball Games Approaching



It's time for March Madness! Yes, the annual fifth and sixth grade v. staff basketball games are fast approaching. The fifth grade will take on the staff on Friday, March 5th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bennet Gym. The following Wednesday, March 10th, the sixth grade will play at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Wergin has both grades

busy working on their basketball skills in P.E. classes. The staff meanwhile is still trying to get organized! We seem to be getting older and slower. Who knows, this could be the year of the upset! Is the staff ready for the challenge again this year, or are they going to succumb to the younger athletes?

March is Citizenship Month

The featured pillar for the month of March is "Citizenship." Students are encouraged to wear purple on Monday, March 1st.

Students Enjoy Hawaiian Day!

Students at Bennet Elementary enjoyed dressing up for a Hawaiian Luau on Thursday. The lunch room was all decked out in a tropical theme for a day at the beach. Students ate picnic style on the lunch room floor. There were lots of sunglasses, flowery print shirts, leis, shorts, and sandals being worn by students and staff alike. Tropical theme music was playing on the speakers also. You could almost hear the waves crashing on the beach! Thanks for all the staff members who helped make the day a success.



Mrs. Stilwell had a grass skirt for Hawaiian Day!



The kindergarten class enjoyed eating picnic style on the floor!