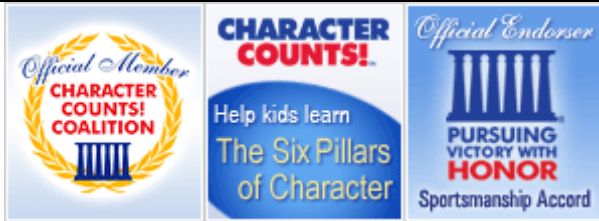


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Character Counts Corner

Happiness Is a Choice

In a Peanuts cartoon, Lucy asks Charlie Brown, "Why do you think we were put on earth?" Charlie answers, "To make others happy."

Lucy replies, "I don't think I'm making anyone happy," and then adds, "but nobody's making me very happy either. Somebody's not doing his job!"

People like Lucy are so sure happiness is a matter of getting something that they ask not what they can do for others but what others can and should do for them. They usually feel shortchanged or cheated. They become so preoccupied with what they don't have that they can't enjoy what they do have.

What's more, they don't realize one of the best ways to be happy is to experience the joy and self-worth of making others happy.

In his book *Happiness Is a Serious Problem*, Dennis Prager argues that it's human nature to want and feel we need more. The problem is, the quest for more is endless because we can always add more to whatever we have. As a result, the Lucys of the world often live in an "if only" world that keeps them one step away from happiness: "If only I get this raise, make this sale, pay off my debts, or win this game, I'll be happy."

Abraham Lincoln understood that happiness is essentially a way of looking at one's life: "A person is generally about as happy as he's willing to be."

Thus, we're more likely to experience happiness if we realize it's not just getting what we want. It's learning to want what we get.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.



School and Community Events

End of Third Qtr. Next Week. No School Next Friday!

The end of the third qtr. is Thursday, March 11th. Report cards for third qtr. will be coming home on Friday, March 19th.

There will be no school on Friday, March 12th. Please enjoy a Spring Break Day!

Bennet Summer Ball Sign-up

Bennet Ball Club Sign-up will be held on Tuesday March 16th from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Bennet Elementary School for the following groups:

- Bennet T-ball
- Bennet Player Pitch
- Bennet/Palmyra/Douglas Little League
- Bennet Girls Softball

Little League and Girls Softball only if you miss sign-up please contact Cheryl Ryan at 782-2119 or e-mail bennetballclub@windstream.net

This will be the only sign-up held.

Dodgeball Tournament Registration Deadline

Just a reminder – All registrations, team entry forms and entry fees are due next Thursday, March 11th, for the 5th Annual Dodgeball Tourney, sponsored by the Post Prom Committee. So hurry up, get those forms together, for there is less than one week left to register! Registrations and team entry forms are available at Bennet or Palmyra High School Office. The Dodgeball Tourney is Saturday, March 20th at the PHS Gym, starting at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Poppas 782-2079.

Shrine Circus Tickets Available

The Shrine Circus will be making its stop in Lincoln on March 17, 18, and 19th. The school office has coupons that may be redeemed for a free reserved seat ticket to the circus. These coupons need to be taken to the Pershing Center to be redeemed for a ticket to the circus. They are good for children ages 12 and under. Stop in the office and check with Laura or call us at 782 – 3535 to request your coupons.

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Foster Parents Needed

There is a real need for families to provide foster homes to children in need. Cedars is taking applications for families to become foster homes for their students. Please consider providing a foster home for a child in our community. Call Dan at 434-KIDS. Thank you for your consideration

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 have arrived. The fifth grade took on the staff today. Next Wednesday, March 10th, the sixth grade will play at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Wergin has had 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?

Elementary Boosters Meet

The next meeting of the Elementary Boosters will be Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00, in the Bennet Elementary Cafeteria. The meeting is open to all interested individuals. They will be discussing Fun Night Activities.

The Bennet Elementary Fun Night is set for Friday, April 30th.

One day Vacation Bible School this Sunday!



Come on out for a short Vacation Bible School at Country Bible Church on Sunday, March 7th from 1:30-3:30pm. You'll get to experience the English version of the VBS that Jr and Sr High students from the

surrounding area will be using on their week-long missions trip to Mexicali, Mexico! The afternoon will be packed full of songs, puppets, crafts, and activity books. In Mexico, our VBS ministry is geared towards kids, but we're sure that everyone will have a wonderful time, whether you are a kid or just a kid at heart! This is a free event and everyone is welcome. You won't want to miss it!

Please contact Pastor Brad with questions.

countrybibleyouth@gmail.com

Country Bible Church is located just south of Roca Road on 148th Street

Pancake Feed for Jeremy Bruce Family

The Bennet Community Church will host a benefit Pancake Feed for the Jeremy Bruce Family on Sunday, March 28th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. There will be music and a Silent Auction. To donate Silent Auction items, contact Sandy Frazee @ 782-2826.

Family Read-athon and Supper a Great Success

Our first Family reading night and spaghetti supper was very successful. We served over 140 people at the spaghetti supper and took in \$860.00! After expenses are taken out, the balance will be donated to the Jeremy and Michelle Bruce Family to help them with their fight against cancer. A jar will be in the cafeteria at school during the month of March for further donations to the Bruce Family.

Over 230 AR points were added to our year to date total during the the read-athon portion of the Family reading night! Parents and students were spread out all over the building reading together and taking quizzes on the books that they read. Students could log on to take quizzes in the Library and computer lab when they finished reading a book. Mrs. Stilwell had a cart of books available in the hallway for kindergarten students and parents to read together.

Thanks to Mr. Smidt and the AR Committee for organizing the family reading event. Thank you to the Elementary Boosters for sponsoring the Spaghetti Supper. Finally, thank you to all of the parents and students who came and took part in the event! You made it a real success!



Anya B. and her brother read with dad at the Family Reading Night.