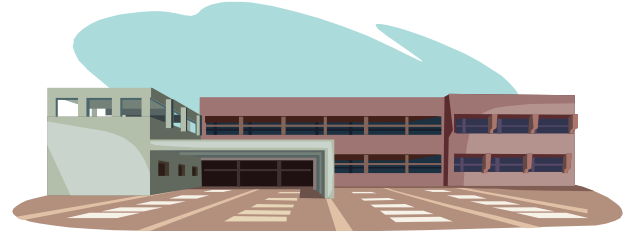


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## Character Counts Corner Slow Dance

I once heard the chairman and CEO of a huge public company tell a roomful of ambitious, hardworking, dedicated executives that if he had to do it all over again, he would have spent more time with his family. That's not news, but to Type-A personalities, it's easier said than done.

David L. Weatherford's poem "Slow Dance" sends the message in a particularly compelling way: Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round or listened to rain slapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight Or gazed at the sun fading into the night? You better slow down, don't dance so fast, Time is short, the music won't last. Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask, "How are you?" do you hear the reply? When the day is done, do you lie in your bed With the next hundred chores running through your head? You better slow down, don't dance so fast, Time is short, the music won't last. Ever told your child, "We'll do it tomorrow," And in your haste not seen his sorrow? Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die, 'Cause you never had time to call and say hi? You better slow down, don't dance so fast, Time is short, the music won't last. When you run so fast to get somewhere, You miss half the fun of getting there. When you worry and hurry through your day, It's like an unopened gift thrown away. Life is not a race, so take it slower, Hear the music before your song is over.

The question isn't whether this makes sense to you. It's what are you going to do about it, and when are you going to start?

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

## School and Community Events

**End of First Quarter Today! No School Tomorrow, Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>!**

October 15<sup>th</sup> will mark the end of the first quarter. **There will be no school on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a fall break day.** Report Cards will be coming home on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Skate Night Tonight!

Tonight is the first Bennet Elementary Skating Party! Skate Zone will host Bennet Elementary students and their parents for a night of family fun! The evening gets underway at 6:00 and lasts until 8:00. Student prices are \$4.00 with attending parents getting free admission and skates. So come on out to Skate Zone on 48<sup>th</sup> Street just north of "O" on Thursday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Elementary Boosters will be giving out door prizes! They have a lot of great looking prizes to give away. Make sure you come out to Skate Zone tonight!

## Picture Retakes and Group Pictures

Picture retake day and group picture day have been set up for Wednesday, **Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Students who did not have their individual pictures taken, or wish to have another set taken because they are not satisfied with the first set, may come in for pictures on **the 28<sup>th</sup>**. If you are getting your picture retaken, you must return the first picture packet you received intact. **If you missed pictures last time you may pick up individual picture packet forms in the office.**

Group pictures will also be taken **on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**. A reminder note about group pictures is being sent home today. The order form for group pictures will be sent home next Friday. We will have extra forms available in the office.



## Halloween Parties Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.



Class Parties for Halloween will be held Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The parties will start with a parade of spooks at 2:00 p.m. Parents are invited to come to the cafeteria at 2:00 p.m. and watch all of the little spooks and goblins. Please wait to enter your children's rooms following the parade until the sixth grade has exited the room on their way around. This will cut down on congestion in the classrooms and hallways during the parade. Make sure to bring your camera and video recorders!

As always, we have a few requests for your little one's costume. Please make sure that all costumes are in good taste and do not offend any racial, ethnic or gender group. We also will absolutely not allow any fake weapons or props that may be used as a weapon to be used as part of a costume. If these types of items are brought to school they will be taken by Mr. Robb and returned to parents at a later date.

Also, we have had some children bring live pets or animals as props in the past. Please do not bring live animals for props. Instead we ask that you use stuffed animals as props and leave the real animals at home.

Also, any make-up that will be part of costumes should be simple enough that the student can apply it. We simply will not have enough adults available in each classroom to be putting on large amounts of make-up. We can always use some parents to help with the costume changes starting at 1:45 p.m. We especially need male help for the young boy's costumes.

We also prefer that treats brought for parties are of a healthy nature in accordance with our school wellness policy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 782-3535.

### Free Mini Pumpkins Sent Home

Jeannie Judds brought enough mini pumpkins to school earlier this week for every student in the school. Each student got a free pumpkin to take home this week. She has provided pumpkins for all of our students for several years now. Thanks Jeannie for your generosity. Our students really enjoyed receiving the pumpkins.



### School Directory Completed by Elementary Boosters

Did you receive a copy of the Bennet Elementary Directory recently? Thanks to the efforts of several members of the Bennet Elementary Boosters, a school directory was completed this fall and sent home with students a few weeks ago. The directory lists students in each class along with their parent's name, address and phone number. E-mail addresses were included, if available. This was a huge undertaking. Without the efforts of many volunteers it simply wouldn't have gotten done. Our thanks go out to the Bennet Elementary Boosters, in particular, Lacie Pettigrew, Amy Fitzpatrick, Janele Callahan, Laura Dawson and Sarah Kramer for their time and hard work. We have extra copies available at school for those who haven't received a directory.



Pictured above are members of the Bennet Elementary Boosters at their last Booster Meeting with a copy of the new Bennet Elementary Directory. Lt. to Rt. is Janele Callahan, Kim Hartwick, Lacie Pettigrew, and Jae Sweeney. If you haven't received a copy of the directory contact the school office at 782-3535 and we will send one home for you.

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