



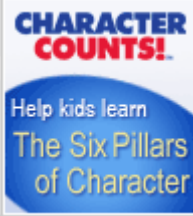
# The Panther Preview!



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## Character Counts Corner Earning and Retaining Trust

Yesterday I commented on ways folks, particularly public figures, damage trust. Today I want to talk about how one earns trust.

Let's start with the basics: To be trusted, one has to be trustworthy. Trustworthiness, however, is a more complex concept than most people realize. It embodies four separate virtues: integrity, honesty, promise-keeping and loyalty. A failure in any one of these areas will prevent or destroy trust.

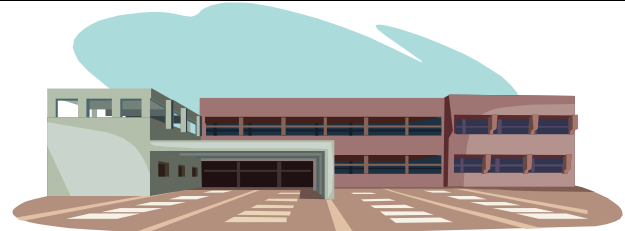
Integrity refers to moral wholeness, a consistency between words, acts and beliefs. People with integrity earn our trust because they can be counted on to put ethical principles over integrity and do what they believe is right and what they say they will do even when it may cost more than they want to pay. People of integrity put their honor above social, financial and career considerations.

People earn our trust by being scrupulously honest, by being truthful and sincere. Honest people don't lie or intentionally deceive or mislead with clever half-truths, verbal hair-splitting or calculated silence designed to cause us to believe something that is not true.

Trustworthy people also keep their promises and, in relationships justifying expectations of loyalty, they demonstrate their commitment to our well-being by being forthright and candid. This can be tricky when a person has conflicting loyalties, but close friendships and many business relationships create an expectation that our friend or business associate will affirmatively volunteer information we need or want to know to protect ourselves (e.g., about the infidelity of a spouse or an impending merger or plant closing).

Trust isn't attained by wishing and wanting. We build trust like we build a tower, stone by stone. What we often forget is that these towers, no matter how old or how tall, can be easily toppled. Lies, deceptions and broken promises don't remove stones from the top of the tower they imperil the foundation by taking them from the bottom.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that Character Counts!



## School and Community Events

### Veterans' Day Luncheon



To honor those Bennet area Veterans who have served in the armed forces, Bennet Elementary would like to extend an invitation to Veteran's and their spouses to come and enjoy lunch with us on Friday, November, 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to come for lunch, please call the school at 782-3535 and let us know! We will have a special table set up for you! We will be serving Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberries, Dinner Roll, Cake, and Coffee, Tea or Milk that day. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 12:30. We would love to hear from our area veterans!

### Halloween Parade at Bennet Elementary

There were lots of spooks, goblins, super heroes, princesses and many other characters on display at the annual "Parade of Spooks," at Bennet Elementary on Monday. As always, a large group of parents and patrons were on hand to check out all of the costumes. Following the parade, students returned to their classrooms for snacks and games. A special thank you to all the parents who helped out with treats, and getting kids into their outfits. The weather was great for Trick or Treating on Monday. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Halloween! You may click on each picture to see a photo gallery of many of the costumes that were in the parade.



### Fall Festival a Great Success

The Elementary Booster Fall Festival was a great success once again! There was a large crowd on hand to enjoy the evening's activities. The weather was perfect for a night of family fun. Families were treated to free corn dogs, chips, brownies and drinks by the Boosters. There were many fun activities for everyone to enjoy with the Candy Land Theme this year. Some of the activities

included face painting, bean bag toss, balloon art, and pumpkin decorating. The hayrack ride was a big hit, as well as the tug of war and sack races on the lawn south of the school. A great round of thanks should go to our Bennet Elementary Boosters for once again hosting such a great family event!



The hayrack ride was very popular at the Fall Family Festival on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

### AR Traveling Trophy

The AR traveling trophy is a new concept at Bennet Elementary School this year. The Accelerated Reading Committee has purchased a trophy for display in the winning classroom. Every two weeks, Mr. Smidt will see which classroom in grades 1-6 has the most AR points over that time period. Mr. Robb will announce the winning classroom over the intercom, and deliver the trophy to that group. The trophy will be displayed in the classroom for two weeks. Then the competition starts over again for another two week period. A bulletin board has been set up in the library for all students to see how each class is doing. The classroom who has the trophy the most during the school year, will receive a reward from Mr. Smidt at the end of the year.

### Our Winter Concert is approaching!

On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will host our Elementary Winter Concert at Palmyra High School. Students in grades K-3 will perform at 6:30 p.m. The 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades will perform at 7:45 p.m. More information will be sent home by Mrs. McCreight next week. Hope to see you all there!

### Pancake Feed This Saturday - Blood Drive Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, FFA Pancake Feed and Member Auction. Pancake Feed 4:00-7:00. Member Auction 7:15. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for 5-12 year olds.

The FFA blood drive will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

### Post Prom Parents Meeting

There will be a "Post Prom Meeting at Bennet Elementary, Sunday Night, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:00pm. All Junior Parents Please Attend!!!"

### Palmyra Cheerleaders Host Dairy Queen Fundraiser

The Palmyra Cheerleaders are having a fund raiser at Dairy Queen (by Wal-Mart) on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-8:00 pm. Plan to stop in at the Dairy Queen on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### New Physicians Office in the Area

Prairie Lake Family Medical is now open for appointments. We are located in the Wal-Mart shopping area, just northwest of Dairy Queen. Dr. Michelle Ellis is ready to welcome new patients with same day appointments available. Please attend our open house Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

### FREE FOR ALL!! Clothing Swap

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., the Bennet Elementary Gym will open up to the public for a clothing free for all!

Anyone is welcome to come and pick up clothing and shoes.....for FREE!!!!

There will be infant to adult sizes. There will also be a place to donate to Cedars if you would like to – but not necessary!

We are still in need of any sizes of clothing – especially teen boys' sizes and infant hangers.

Please call Lillie at 402-440-2871 with any questions or if you would like to donate. Hope to see you all there!!!!

\*\*\*\*Please bring your own bags to stuff full of goodies.\*\*\*\*\*



### Little Panthers Preschool Accepting Requests for 2012-13 School Year

Little Panthers Preschool in Bennet is taking requests for spots on next year's preschool list. Our enrollment is limited and we have a number of prospective students on the list already. If you are interested in having your 3 / 4 year old be on the list of prospective students for the 2012 – 2013 school year, please contact Mrs. Cheney, at Little Panthers Preschool, phone number 402-782-3035.

Our enrollment procedure used to determine the preschool class list each spring, is based on the following list of three criteria in order of priority, as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education-Department of Early Childhood.

1. Any preschool age child identified with special needs being served with an IEP as required by law.
2. Four Year Olds, oldest to youngest by birth month/day/year
3. Three Year Olds, oldest to youngest by birth month/day/year

We do wish we could enroll every child, being filled to capacity with a waiting list tells us there is certainly a need within the district for the youngest members of our student population. A quality early childhood program keeps the teacher/pupil ratio



low and matches enrollment to the physical size of the facility. Those two factors are also a limiting factor in our enrollment numbers and have to be taken into account.