



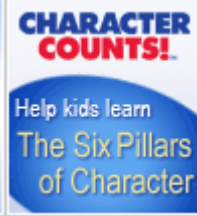
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Character Counts Corner

If You Were Arrested for Kindness

If you were arrested for kindness, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Some people cheer up a room by entering it, others by leaving it.

What do you bring to your interactions with workmates, friends, and family?

Is it encouragement, optimism, or kind words? Or is it pessimism, criticism, or cynicism?

People often forget what we say and usually what we do, but as Maya Angelou said, "They always remember how we made them feel."

Here are some other wise words about kindness:

"Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away."

– Sir Arthur Helps

"You will regret many things in life, but you will never regret being too kind or too fair."

– Brian Tracy

"Don't wait for people to be kind. Show them how."

– Anonymous

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

– Oscar Wilde

"That best portion of a good man's life: his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

– William Wordsworth

"Kindness is loving people more than they deserve."

– Joseph Joubert

"We are made kind by being kind."

– Eric Hoffer

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

– Benjamin Franklin

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

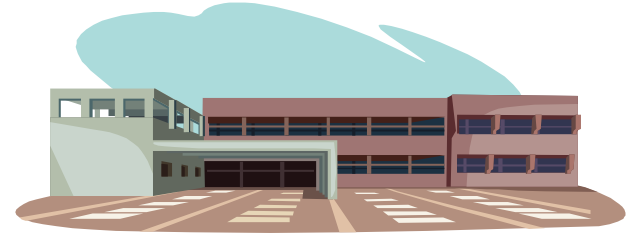
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."

– Theodore Isaac Rubin, M.D.

"Today I bent the truth to be kind, and I have no regret, for I am far surer of what is kind than I am of what is true."

– Robert Brault



School and Community Events

Halloween Parties Monday, Oct. 31st.

Class Parties for Halloween will be held Monday, October 31st. 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.

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 would 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.

Bennet Elementary Boosters to Host Family Fall Festival

The Bennet Elementary Boosters will be hosting their Family Fall Festival tonight from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on the south side of the elementary school. **There will be free food, fun and games for the entire family.** Hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, cider, etc, will be served. Come and enjoy a fun night as a family playing games, going on a hayrack ride, painting faces, and many other fun activities. Bring a pumpkin and paint it or bring a few extras and share them with friends. Costumes are optional.

November Menus Sent Home

The menus for November lunch and breakfast were sent home today with the newsletter.

Teammates Mentoring Program and Palmyra Action League Sponsors Second "TRUNK OR TREAT!"

The local District OR1 Chapter of Teammates along with the Palmyra Action League will be sponsoring a Trunk or Treat Halloween event on Saturday, October 29th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The event will take place on Main Street in Palmyra (C Street between 5th and 6th street). Students in grades 6 and younger are welcome to come in a costume to trick or treat on Main St. in Palmyra. Free Will Donation with all donations given to the Bennet/Palmyra Backpack Program.



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 over the intercom the winning classroom the following Monday, and he will 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.

Holiday Crafts and Gift Sale in Bennet

There will be a Holiday Crafts and Gift Sale at Arp Clock and Wood Shop in Bennet, NE on Saturday October 29th from 9:00

– 4:00 and Sunday, October 30th, from 11:30 – 4:00. A lot of holiday craft ideas and gifts will be on display.

Day Care Needed!

Looking for a babysitter 3 days a week in Bennet before school and possibly afternoons. Contact Heather at 402-450-4901

Clubs Choice Sales Pick-up - Reminder

Music students in Band, Choir and Bennet Singers who sold Clubs Choice items need to pick up the items they sold at Palmyra High School Saturday morning October 29th, between 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Then, please plan to deliver your items to those you sold to, this weekend. You will receive your prizes when you pick up your items.

Exercising Good Character at Bennet Elementary

Good character is doing the right thing when no one is looking. At the recent Character Counts Kick-off, students were urged to EXERCISE CHARACTER all day, every day. Bennet staff members are on the look-out for students who are exercising character. These students are given a "Pat on the Back" card to show their parents, and they are eligible for a drawing that is held twice each month, on the days when the school emphasizes the Pillar of the Month. The first two EXERCISE CHARACTER winners were Anjali Malholtra and Tyson Reed. They received a granola bar and a Character Counts wristband. Congratulations! We encourage these students and all Bennet kids to keep "exercising" in order to build healthy character.

Also, please wear purple on Tuesday, November 1st, as we begin working out and strengthening our skills in citizenship. To be a good citizen we will follow rules at school and home, cooperate with others to make our school a great place to be, and we will learn about our community and what we can do to support its leaders and workers. Exercise Character and wear purple on Tuesday, November 1st!



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