



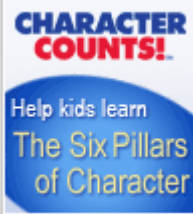
The Panther Preview!



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Character Counts Corner The Cowboy Code

I grew up in much simpler times. Television was in its infancy and the idea of a hero was exemplified by a white-hatted cowboy. There was a clarity and simplicity to the moral code of these heroes that left no doubt that there is a right and wrong.

As I became more sophisticated, it was easy to ridicule these simplistic approaches to ethics and living. Yet the more I learn, the more I've come to think that there's as much danger in complexifying our choices into endless shades of gray.

Sure, there are extenuating factors and exceptions that challenge the validity of every ethical principle but, on balance, we need clear prescriptive guidelines of virtue. Such guidelines are provided in the quaintly old-fashioned Cowboy Code promoted by the late Gene Autry:

- The cowboy must never shoot first, hit a smaller man, or take unfair advantage.
- He must never go back on his word, or a trust confided in him.
- He must always tell the truth.
- He must be gentle with children, the elderly, and animals.
- He must not advocate or possess racially or religiously intolerant ideas.
- He must help people in distress.
- He must be a good worker.
- He must keep himself clean in thought, speech, action, and personal habits.
- He must respect women, parents, and his nation's laws.
- The cowboy is a patriot.

With a little updating this code still works.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that Character Counts!

Thanksgiving Break
There will be no school On Thursday, November 24, or Friday, November 25, as we observe Thanksgiving Break.
There will also be an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 23rd at 1:10 p.m.



School and Community Events

Bennet Elementary Hosts Veteran's Day Luncheon

Over 40 former and current armed service members and many of their spouses took part in our Veteran's Day Luncheon on Friday, November 11th.

Our special guests were treated to a lunch of chicken fried steak, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberries, Dinner Rolls, Cake and beverage. Students from several grades made thank you cards for the veterans and the lunch room was decorated in patriotic themes for the day. Our students were quite impressed with our visitors. Bennet Elementary would like to express their thanks to all of our area veterans and current armed service members for their service to our country.



We had a full house on Veteran's Day as over 45 veterans or current service members had lunch at school in honor of Veteran's Day.

FREE FOR ALL!! Clothing Swap

On November 12th, 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.*****

Baker's Holiday Chocolates

Holiday Chocolates order forms are coming home this weekend. Once again the 6th grade and Palmyra Party group are selling Baker's Chocolates in 8 oz. (\$4.50) and 12oz. (\$6.50) boxes. Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, November 30th as long as supplies last! If additional order forms are needed, please contact the elementary office.

Palmyra High School One Act Play

Palmyra High School students will present a public rehearsal of the "Twelfth Night" on Friday, November 11th, at 7:30, in the gym at Palmyra High School.

Palmyra Cheerleaders Host Dairy Queen Fundraiser

The Palmyra Cheerleaders are having a fund raiser at Dairy Queen on 84th Street, on Tuesday, November 15th, from 5:00-8:00 pm. A portion of all sales will go back to support the Palmyra Cheerleaders! Plan to stop in at the Dairy Queen on the 15th.

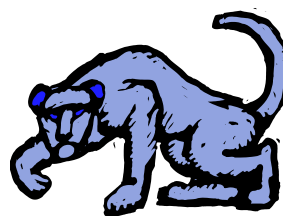
Movie Matinee Planned for Bennet Elementary Students!

Mr. Brown, Mr. Robb and members of the Elementary Boosters are planning a **Movie Matinee for the afternoon of Sunday, December 4th**. Activities and movies are planned from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. It will make a great afternoon for parents to get away for holiday shopping. We are once again asking that parents only provide a drink and a can donation for the area food banks for admission to the movie. We will be providing Hot Dogs and Popcorn for treats. There will be two movies shown at the same time. There will be movies and cartoons for grades K-3, and a movie for grades 4-6. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Brown, Mrs. Dawson or Mr. Robb at 782-3535.



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.



The Palmyra Athletic Booster Club
invites you to attend the
Winter Booster Bash

Palmyra High School ---
Monday, November 21st, 2011

The Winter Booster Bash will be held in conjunction with the Jr. High Boys Basketball games beginning at 4:00 p.m.:

- **Come out and support** our Jr. High Boys' Basketball teams
- **Eat** some great chili at our Chili Feed
- **Purchase** our concession stand items
- **Sign up** to bring treats and/or drinks for away games for the athletic team your child is on
- **Purchase:**
 - an Athletic Booster Club Membership - \$10/person or \$20/family
 - a Palmyra Panther Stadium Chair
- **Order** a decorative rock. Rocks will be available for viewing at the Bash.:

Bennet Elementary Winter Concert - Nov. 29th

On Nov. 29th we will have our winter concert at PHS. The K-3 concert is at 6:30 p.m., and the 4-6 concert is at 7:30p.m. Each grade level will sing a song, plus a large group song at the end. The 5th & 6th grade bands will also perform. Here are the songs the students are singing, plus what color of shirt they should wear:

- Kindergarten - Mittens and Gloves
- 1st Grade - Under the Tree - wear green
- 2nd Grade - The Turkey Woogie - wear brown or black
- 3rd Grade - Santa's Getting Fit For Christmas - wear red
- 4th Grade - Hawaiian Christmas - bright or Hawaiian shirt, sandals, sunglasses
- 5th Grade - The Holly and The Ivy - red or green
- 6th Grade - Everlasting Fruitcake - red, yellow or green.
- Bennet Singers - Winter Walk & Will You Be Here This December - wear your class's colors.

Don't feel the need to go buy a new top, just wear something close to that color. Also, it is ok if it has writing or print on the shirt.

If you want extra practice on your songs at home, go to www.musick8.com. In the song search box, type in your song title. When it comes up, click on it. Then there should be an mp3 or audio file link. It won't play the whole song, but it will help you remember how it sounds.

I'm looking forward to a great winter concert! See you there!

-Mrs. McCreight

First AR goal reached!

Students in grades 1-6 at Bennet Elementary school have earned 5,000 points as a school. Every time we hit a 5,000 point benchmark, we do something special to reward the groups. For achieving 5,000 points, most classes will be having a game day during their normal library skills time next week. Congratulations to all of you, our next goal is 10,000 points and the reward will be a movie during an afternoon which will be determined after we reach our goal.