



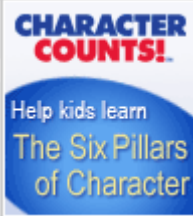
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Character Counts Corner

Thanking Your Parents on Thanksgiving

by Michael Josephson on November 22, 2011

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, I hope you will think about your parents with your most gentle and generous thoughts and be thankful.

Even if you didn't have ideal parents or a perfect home life, if either or both of your parents are still with you, make an effort to experience and express genuine gratitude.

It's natural to take for granted what our parents did for us and to be highly conscious of and easily annoyed by their flaws and foibles, especially when they don't seem to realize that you're all grown up and that you don't need and often don't want their opinions or advice.

If you are still in school or are at the early stages of starting your own family, the tendency is to become so absorbed with your own life that you convince yourself you are too busy to be conscious of or care about the milestones, changes and stages of your parents' lives.

Most parents have learned not to expect much from their kids and they forgive them, leading their children to believe that whatever they do or don't do is okay. Well, it isn't.

Don't delude yourself into thinking it doesn't matter. You should send cards, buy birthday, anniversary, and holiday gifts (with parents it really is the thought that counts) and, most of all, make time to keep up to date with their lives as well as keeping them up to date with yours.

If you are going to see your parents on Thanksgiving, here's a simple strategy. Talk to them, ask how they are doing – not just their health, but their life – and tell them about all your successes. Make a conscious effort to review your past and recapture some of the best moments of your childhood and take a few moments to relive them as a memory you are thankful for.

Good parents — the ones who are easiest to hurt — change their lives in thousands of ways for their children. They don't do it for gratitude, but they deserve it.



School and Community Events

Thanksgiving Break

Early Dismissal at 1:10

After School Rec.

Program to Operate

School will be dismissed at 1:10 today for the start of Thanksgiving Vacation. There will be no classes on Thursday or Friday of this week in observance of the



Thanksgiving Holiday. School will resume on Monday, November 28th, at 8:30 a.m. The staff at Bennet Elementary wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.

The afternoon rec. program will be operating from 1:10 until 5:30 today.

Concert Rehearsal: Tuesday, Nov. 29th!

Winter Concert Performance Tuesday Evening at Palmyra

We will have our Winter Concert rehearsal at the High School on Tuesday, November 29th. Band students; be sure to have your instruments with you that day.

Grades K-3 will rehearse from 9:00 – 10:30. Grades 4-6 will rehearse from approx. 10:30- 12:00. All Palmyra/Douglas students in grades K-3 will remain at Palmyra High School for rehearsal on the 29th. Bennet area students in grades K-3 will take a shuttle from Bennet to Palmyra at 8:35 on the 29th for rehearsal. All students in grades 4-6 from Palmyra/Douglas will report for classes at Bennet Elementary that morning. The 4-6 grades will board shuttles for Palmyra at 10:00 for their rehearsal. All students will return to Bennet Elementary by shuttle following rehearsals.



Again, our concert is on Tuesday, November 29th. Grades K-3 perform at 6:30 p.m. Grades 4-6 and the band, perform at 7:30 p.m.

Palmyra Athletic Boosters Fundraiser



The Palmyra Athletic Boosters are selling decorative rocks for the holiday season. Order your decorative rocks today in support of District OR1 athletics. Please check out the front page of the

website to download an order blank and view pictures or videos of the different styles. Be sure and order by December 3rd to get your rocks back by Christmas. Contact booster members with ANY questions.

Baker's Holiday Chocolates

Holiday Chocolates order forms were sent home again today. 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 Thursday, December 1st, as long as supplies last!** If additional order forms are needed, please contact the elementary office.



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 three movies shown at the same time. There will be movies and cartoons for grades K-3, in the cafeteria, and Library, and a movie for grades 4-6 in the art room.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Brown, Mrs. Dawson or Mr. Robb at 782-3535.



Palmyra Youth Wrestling Sign-Up Night

Sign-up for the 2011-2012 Palmyra Youth Wrestling Club will be Thursday, December 1st, at Palmyra High School from 6:30-7:30pm, during the high school wrestling meet. Youth from Pre-K to 8th grade are welcome to participate in the Youth Wrestling Club. A \$30 fee includes mandatory insurance, a club t-shirt, and a wrestling singlet for tournaments, plus entrance into

several tournaments during the year. So be at PHS and sign up to participate in the Palmyra Youth Wrestling Club, and cheer on the high school team!!!

New Times for Palmyra Library

Effective November 28th, the following news times will start for the Palmyra Library:

Monday	3:30 – 8:30
Wednesday	3:30 – 8:30
Sunday	12:00 – 5:00

Caring is Pillar of the Month

Thursday, December 1, 2011, begins a new month and a new Pillar of Character – Caring. Red is CARING'S color so please mark your calendar and wear RED on December 1st and 15th. During the month of December, we will review what it means to be CARING. What does it mean to be CARING? Students will learn this month!

Be CARING, wear RED on THURSDAY, December 1st!

Basketball Practice for 3rd and 4th Grade Girls

There will be practice for any 3rd and 4th grade girls that signed up for Basketball on Thursday, Dec. 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Bennet Elementary Gym. Bring a basketball if you have one. If you have any questions feel free to call/text Jae Sweney at 402-440-2571. Or e-mail at: jsweney1@gmail.com

Special at Subway Next Tuesday

Subway will be running a sandwich special on Tuesday, November 29th, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. You may buy any 6" sub sandwich and get a second sandwich for \$99! **MAKE SURE YOU MENTION THE SPECIAL PRICE TO THEM WHEN YOU ORDER!**



Abby F. and Grace L. at Nebraska All-State Choir!

Abby F. and Grace L. represented Bennet Elementary at the NMEA Nebraska All-State Children's Choir recently. They were among 300 elementary students that took part in the choir and performed at the Lied Center in Lincoln NE on Nov. 17th! Way to go Girls!