



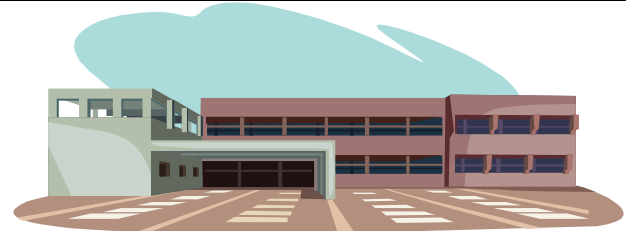
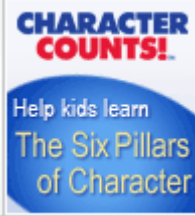
The Panther Preview!



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Character Counts Corner True Friends

So what are the qualities of a true friend?

- **True friends** are good companions, people you enjoy doing things with, but they are also people you just enjoy being with. In true friendships the activity is incidental – it doesn't matter much what you are doing together as long as you are together.
- **True friends** are people you want to be with to have a good time, but they are also the ones you have to be with when you're having a hard time.
- **True friends** find the time to be with you on happy occasions, but they also make the time to be with you in times of trauma.
- **True friends** know a lot about you; but they also really know you.
- **True friends** have seen you at your best, and also at your worst.
- **True friends** put up with your annoying habits, dumb comments, bad jokes, and broken commitments; but they also tolerate your periodic neglect, angry outbursts, and unkind remarks.
- **True friends** will always forgive you because they value the friendship far more than whatever it is you did to make them angry.
- **True friends** stand up for you, but they also stand up to you.
- **True friends** are on your side and, when you need them, they are at your side.
- **True friends** treat you like a fine painting, always placing you in the best light.
- **True friends** are proud, not jealous, of your achievements; they build you up, and don't tear you down.
- **True friends** cry with you when you are grieving, and celebrate with you when you experience joy.
- **True friends** want the best for you, bring the best out of you, and expect the best from you.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

School and Community Events

January 16th! Staff In-service Day!

There will be no school on Monday, January 16th, 2012, which is Martin Luther King Day. This will be a teacher in-service day for staff members at both schools. Please make sure that you have day care arrangements made for that day.

Report Cards Were Sent Home Last Friday!



This is just a reminder that report cards were sent home with students on Friday, January 6th. If you haven't seen your child's report card, you might want to quiz them about it. If it is not with your student, please give the school

a call and we will gladly send another one home to you.

P-T Conferences Approaching

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 7th. Second semester P-T Conferences for Bennet Elementary will be taking place from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. on that day.

School will dismiss at 1:10 p.m. at Bennet and 1:30 at the High School for the conferences. **After School Rec. Program will be held on that day. More information about P-T Conferences will be coming in future newsletters.**



Parent Access to Power Grade

Report Card time is a good time to remind parents of students in grades 4 – 6 that they have the power to check their student's grades on Power School, with Parent Access to Power Grade. You may log on daily to check your students current progress in each of their classes. You may also check on attendance and receive daily, weekly or monthly e-mail reminders about your child's progress. It

only takes a moment to sign up. If you are interested, just contact Mr. Robb at school (782-3535) or e-mail robb.ste@districtor1.net.

Box Tops for Education

We are still collecting Box Tops for education from General Mills products.

Recently, we received a check for over \$800.00 from General Mills for our collections last school year. The ladies that collect and package the box tops have indicated that we are not collecting as many as we have in the past. So, we thought a little reminder to let you know that we are still collecting was in order. We would like to thank all those people who have taken the time to not only purchase General Mills products, but also cut out, collect and send the box tops to our school! Thanks for your efforts!



Cheer Camp Coming to Palmyra

The Palmyra Cheerleaders will host a Cheer Camp at Palmyra High School on Saturday, January 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Your cheerleader will learn cheers, jumps, and a routine for their age group. They will make signs and posters, enjoy a snack and prepare a cheer to be performed at halftime of the Boys varsity basketball game. The cost of the cheer camp is \$25, with registration due by Friday, January 13th. Extra registrations are available in the office.



PEP Conference in March

What is PEP? The purpose of PEP is to bring parents of children with disabilities together in an accepting and confidential environment, giving them the opportunity to share ideas, feelings and common concerns, and to obtain information on parenting and educating a child with a disability. A major objective of the weekend is to help parents realize that each is doing the best he/she can do at this time. By the end of the conference, parents will go home with a renewed energy, spirit of hope and desire to work closely with professionals who serve their child so that every child can experience the fullest life.

This conference is open to all Nebraska parents who are raising a child with a verified disability. The child with the disability must have either an active IFSP or IEP.

The conference is scheduled for March 15 – 17, 2011, at the Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NE. Registrations are available at the elementary office or with Mrs. Goodrich or Mrs. Engelhardt.

Sixth Grade to Attend Young People's Concert We're Going To The Symphony!

On Thursday January 19th at 1:00 p.m., the 6th Grade students will go on a field trip to watch the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra perform at the Lied Center in Lincoln. The students will eat lunch at school before they depart, and will return before the end of the school day. 6th Grade parents, please look for the blue permission slip that was sent home with your student today, fill it out, and return it by Wednesday January 18th.

It will be a great day of orchestral music!
Mrs. McCreight

Palmyra Memorial Library to Host Movie Night

The recently accredited Palmyra Memorial Library will host a movie night on Friday, January 20th, at the Palmyra Community Center. Showtime is 7:00 p.m., but please come at 6:30 to reserve your seat. Snacks will be provided, while supplies last. You may wear your pajamas if you would like and bring a pillow and blanket. A movie has not been selected yet, so please contact the Librarian and let her know what movie you would like to see! The Library staff is looking forward to seeing you on the 20th!

