



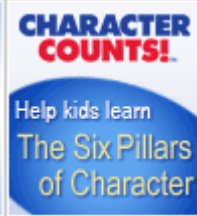
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Character Counts Corner

Good Quotes That Didn't Make the Cut

In preparing my letter to my college-bound daughter Samara, I found and created lots of quotes that I liked, but that didn't make the cut. Here are some of them.

1. Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket.
2. People don't have to like you. You're not a Facebook status.
3. Cultivate the power to choose your thoughts just as you choose your clothes. You will get more of what you want and enjoy more of what you get.
4. You should expect people to pay a fair price for their mistakes, but it's not fair to make them pay more than once.
5. You can dodge your responsibilities, but not the consequences of dodging your responsibilities.
6. Don't worry about the world coming to an end; it's already tomorrow in Australia. -- Charles Schultz
7. To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.
8. Be kind whenever possible; it's always possible.
9. Any effort can result in failure but *you* are a failure only when you stop making the effort.
10. Happiness is where you find it, but it's not always where you seek it.
11. It's good to say what you mean and mean what you say; just don't be mean when you say it.
12. You get a much better return by giving people a bit of your heart rather than a piece of your mind.
13. The only time you run out of chances is when you stop taking them.
14. When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: you haven't. -- Thomas Edison
15. Live without pretending. Love without depending. Listen without defending. Speak without offending.
16. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

School and Community Events

P-T Conferences Approaching!

Conferences Set for Tuesday, September 20th

If you have not signed up for a time for P-T Conferences, please call the school or stop in and sign up for a 15-minute time slot for each of your children's teachers. P-T Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the school at 782-3535.

Please contact the school immediately if you have not already done so, to arrange a conference time. Again, P-T Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Call the office and we will be glad to schedule your times over the phone. **Reminders about your student's times will be sent home on September 16th.**

District OR-1 Switching to MAPS Achievement Test from Terra Nova



Starting this fall the MAPS (Measures of Academic Progress) Achievement Test will take the place of the CTBS Terra Nova Achievement Test. The assessment covers

the areas of Math, Language Usage, Reading and Science. The MAPS Assessment has several differences from standard achievement test taken in the past.

1. The first is that the assessment is taken on the computer. Each portion of the test takes students, on average, about 50 minutes.
2. The assessment is adaptive. As students answer questions, the assessment then gauges the next question based on the student's response. If students answer correctly, the test goes on to harder questions. If students answer incorrectly, the test goes on to easier questions. This continues throughout the assessment until the

student levels out. This will give us a good indication where the student is academically.

3. Results are given immediately. Students and teachers receive the assessment scores immediately upon completion of the assessment.
4. The assessment is given two to three times during the school year. This allows us to see academic growth.
5. The assessment program will discontinue the test if students try to go too fast, giving random answers or pattern answers. This will result in the student having to re-take the assessment.
6. The MAPS assessment is aligned to Nebraska Standards and will therefore identify specific areas that need improvement in the instructional process. Finally, the MAPS assessment may be given multiple times during an academic year, providing both formative and summative measures of student progress during the current school term.

Picture Day Coming Up In September!

Individual Pictures for both the preschool and elementary, are scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd.



Picture order packets will be coming home with students next Friday, September 16th. We will start at 8:00 a.m. in the elementary for those parents who want pictures of preschool children **that are not enrolled in Little Panthers Preschool**. At 8:30 we will start with pictures in the elementary school beginning with

the morning preschool session. Afternoon session preschool students will finish up the picture taking at 12:00 pm.

Don't forget to look for those picture packets on Friday. If you don't receive one, please call the school and we will gladly send another one home with your student.

Instrumental Music Display

All 5th grade students and their parents are invited to an instrumental display night on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m., in the music room at Bennet Elementary.

Representatives from Dietz Music will be here to answer questions and help you pick out an instrument. If you have any questions about the display night, contact



Ms. Murphy at 782-3535. Hope to see you there!

Part Time Cafeteria Worker Needed at Palmyra

Palmyra Junior-Senior High is seeking applications for a Part-time Cafeteria worker for the 2011-2012 school year. Duties will include food preparation, serving and clean up duties in the kitchen. This is a part time position during the school year with approximately 20 – 25 hours per week. Interested applicants may stop in the Palmyra Junior-Senior High School office and pick-up an application form or go to our website at www.districtor1.org for online forms . We would like to fill this position as soon as possible. Contact Robert Hanger at 780-5327 or Deb Boell at 782-3535, or e-mail at hanger.rob@districtor1.net if you have any questions. E.O.E

Spirit Week Next Week

Next week is Homecoming Week at Palmyra H.S. Each day will have a dress up theme. Students at Bennet may take part. The themes for each day at Bennet will be:

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| Monday | Hat Day |
| Tuesday | Twin Day |
| Wednesday | Zombie Day |
| Thursday | Favorite Character Day |
| Friday | Red-White-Blue Spirit Day |

Remember we need to keep things in good taste and appropriate. Mr. Robb reserves the right to request changes for any apparel that he deems offensive or inappropriate.