



VALUES MATTER



INTEGRITY

EDITION

Integrity: Standing up for your beliefs about what is right and what is wrong and resisting social pressure to do wrong.

CONGRATULATIONS



KINDNESS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

The Elementary Level Student of the Month is Ja'Kyra Johnson, a first grader at Parkway Elementary School. Ja'Kyra is a wonderful little girl who has transformed into a model for cooperation in her classroom. When Ja'Kyra transitioned from kindergarten to first grade she was an independent thinker who shied away from group interactions. Throughout the year she has developed excellent interpersonal skills and has been identified by her teacher as a true team player and assistant. She really enjoys group work, sharing ideas, and collaborating with anyone with whom she is assigned. Ja'Kyra has been so helpful in her groups that she has become the class technology assistant. You will often hear students asking Ja'Kyra for computer help. She always helps with a smile and a willingness to assist. Ja'Kyra is a wonderful example of cooperation in our elementary schools.

The Secondary Level Student of the Month is Bruno Vendrame, a sixth grader at Leewood K-8 Center. The staff at Leewood K-8 Center feel that Bruno is a model for cooperation in action. He is an extremely well-mannered problem solver who cooperates with everyone. Bruno is new to the school this year, but his cooperative nature allowed him to reach out to others in the school community and he has become a valued member of the school. Bruno understands that it takes cooperation to help a school reach its goals and therefore volunteers for cafeteria cleanup every day. He tries to be a role model for the other middle school students by pitching in and helping to keep the school clean. He has started a ripple effect when it comes to cooperation as others seem to emulate Bruno's actions. Bruno is a mature young man and is a fine role model for cooperation in our secondary schools.



Fairness students of the month: Bruno Vendrame and Ja'Kyra Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS

KINDNESS SCHOOL OF THE MONTH!

The Values Matter School of the Month is being awarded to Broadmoor Elementary School. Broadmoor Elementary School students and staff have demonstrated a commitment to promoting cooperation in their building. Every grade level in the school found a unique way to make cooperation a priority in March. The kindergarten class created a beautiful cooperation quilt where students proudly displayed their artistic expressions of cooperation and then cooperated in putting their individual work together.

This quilt is prominently displayed as a reminder of the importance of cooperation in their classroom. The first grade class took a cooperation pledge and the second graders did a cooperation collage. Additionally, the staff implemented a cooperation card campaign, where they modeled cooperation for their students by recognizing their colleagues who were cooperative. Staff members were given a card to express their thoughts on cooperative colleagues and then were recognized by displaying the cards on their "Busy Bees Cooperation Corner" bulletin board. Creative expressions of cooperation permeated Broadmoor Elementary School throughout the month.



Principal, Omar Riaz, and staff from Broadmoor Elementary School

**"Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching."
-C.S. Lewis**



Holocaust Remembrance Days
May 1st – 8th
Briefing #19258

**Asian American and Pacific
Islander Heritage Month**

Haitian Heritage Month
Briefing #19256

Mother's Day
May 8th

Memorial Day
May 30th

IDEAS Corner



Activities:

- ❖ Divide your class into groups of 3-5 students. Ask each group to create an integrity do's and don'ts lists, where they will list what people who live with integrity do and don't do. Have students then discuss how those who act with integrity and those who don't affect the community.
- ❖ Ask students to share a time when they stood up for their beliefs. Have the students reflect on how it felt to do so and share what the outcome was.
- ❖ Ask students to read the newspaper or listen to the news for stories of people who either demonstrated integrity or a lack of integrity. Then have students write a letter to the person saying what he/she thinks of the behavior and why.
- ❖ Have students design integrity pins or pennants by thinking of sayings that reflect integrity. Examples may include: "Put Your Best Foot Forward," "Do the Right Thing," or "Stand Up for What You Believe In."
- ❖ Lead a class discussion on morally courageous heroes such as Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Abe Lincoln, or Pee Wee Reece. Have student research a hero and then do a presentation where they pretend to be that person and explain how they are a person of integrity.



Values Matter at Gloria Floyd
Elementary School



A Person of Integrity

- ✓ Does what is right even when it isn't popular or easy
- ✓ Lives up to the highest ethical standards
- ✓ Keeps commitments and promises
- ✓ Tells the truth
- ✓ Respects others, their beliefs, and their skills
- ✓ Lends a helping hand to others
- ✓ Demonstrates discipline and self-control
- ✓ Behaves in ways that are in sync with personal values
- ✓ Considers others' feelings

Journal Entries

Grades K-2: Draw or write to tell about a time when you chose to do what is right.

Grades 3-5: Write about a situation in which you stood up for what was right, even though it may not have been the popular choice.

Grades 6-12: Integrity is basing your thoughts and actions on personal values rather than personal gain. Have you heard the saying that doing the “right thing when no one is watching” is a sign of integrity? Explain a time when it was difficult to maintain integrity, and the action you took. Compare/contrast your integrity to a character in the text, citing specific details to strengthen your response.



Values Matter at Rockway Elementary School



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- Something that parents should reflect on each day is the thought that if you were the only example that your child had to learn moral habits from then what did your child learn from watching you? The answer to this question may be very revealing to parents. Thinking about your choices and reflecting on your casual comments will direct how your child learns moral standards.
- Talk to your children about values frequently. Direct moral teaching is a good practice for raising ethical children. Don't shy away from moral issues. Talk to your children about them as they come into your life. You can use tv shows, news events, or family and school situations to discuss these issues. Share your honest feelings about these issues.
- Make sure you stand up for your beliefs when you feel a value is in jeopardy. Your children view you as a role model and will benefit from seeing your moral courage firsthand and will use your behavior as an example to follow.

Social Sciences

Character Lessons



Values Matter at Westlab Elementary School

Elementary

Middle

Senior



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Recommended Reading List

K-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DePaola, Tomie. <i>Strega Nona</i> Finlay, Lizzy. <i>Little Croc's Purse</i> Viorst, Judith. <i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</i>
3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andersen, Hans Christian. <i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i> Farris, Christine. <i>My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.</i> Park, Barbara. <i>Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook</i> Scieszka, Jon. <i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i> Sperry, Armstrong. <i>Call It Courage</i>
6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alvarez, Julia. <i>Before We Were Free</i> Park, Linda Sue. <i>A Single Shard</i> Hoban, Russel. <i>The Mouse and His Child</i> Hiassen, Carl. <i>Hoot</i>
9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinsella, William Patrick. <i>Shoeless Joe</i> Kesey, Ken. <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> Hemmingway, Ernest. <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>



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