



Commitment to Character NEWSLETTER



Responsibility: Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions.

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3 WORDS OF THE DAY

- Sept. 1 Decide to learn.
- Sept. 2 Respect your teachers.
- Sept. 3 You look great.
- Sept. 4 Kindness always returns.
- Sept. 5 Improve your mind.
- Sept. 6 Neatness is nice.
- Sept. 7 Always try again.
- Sept. 8 Can't won't do.
- Sept. 9 Value your friends.
- Sept. 10 Education is success.
- Sept. 11 Try new things.
- Sept. 12 Forgive yourself often.
- Sept. 13 Other people care.
- Sept. 14 Daydreaming is fun.
- Sept. 15 Someone needs you.
- Sept. 16 Doodle a little.
- Sept. 17 Believe in people.
- Sept. 18 Life has troubles.
- Sept. 19 Just lighten up.
- Sept. 20 Attitude determines happiness.
- Sept. 21 Imagination goes anywhere.
- Sept. 22 Cheating isn't right.
- Sept. 23 Accept someone different.
- Sept. 24 Listeners are friends.
- Sept. 25 What interests you?
- Sept. 26 Include new kids.
- Sept. 27 Share your talents.
- Sept. 28 Always be sincere.
- Sept. 29 Everyone is special.
- Sept. 30 Try harder today.

CHARACTER DAY

Celebrate the sixth annual Character Day on September 27, when millions of people in schools, offices, and homes participated by streaming films, diving into discussion materials, and watching the global live stream. All about this year's theme: the relationship between character (strengths like empathy, grit, gratitude, and leadership) and screen use. When and how does technology amplify our foster our strengths as humans, and when is it better to turn it off? Learn more at: Letitriple.org/character-day

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

International Literacy Day. Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) celebrations have taken place annually around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

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KEY DATES

September 7: Labor Day

September 17: Constitution Da

September 8: International Literacy Day

September 21: Peace Day

September 13: Grandparent's Day

September 27: Character Day.

September 15-October 15: Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month

Quotes

Week 1 - "Remember the three R's: respect for self; respect for others; and responsibility for all your actions." Unknown

Week 2 - "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today." Benjamin Franklin

Week 3- "We create our character by the daily decisions we make." Austin Bror

Week 4- "Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else." Les Brown, American clarinetist & a leader of popular "big band"

Week 5- "You are not lucky to be here. The world needs your perspective. They are lucky to have you." ~ Antonio Tizerino, President & CEO of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation

ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY
for your actions.

BE ACCOUNTABLE
for your results.

TAKE OWNERSHIP
of your mistakes.

Dinner Dilemmas

Purpose: To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to go home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.

Week 1

Situation: Sam received an expensive video game for his birthday and could not wait to show it to his friends. One of his friends wanted to borrow it.

Dilemma: On one hand it's good to share. On the other hand it is Sam's responsibility to take care of his possessions.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2

Situation: Sue heard her friends spreading an untrue rumor about another girl in her class.

Dilemma: On one hand it's responsible to inform someone when others are saying untrue or hurtful things. On the other hand a responsible person does not spread rumors and should tell people who do that it is wrong.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Week 3

Situation: Sue is on a team that is doing a research project on water conservation. Sue feels she is doing most of the work.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue has the responsibility to make sure her team makes a good grade. On the other hand it is not Sue's responsibility to do all the work.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Week 4

Situation: Sam saw his sibling taking money out of his mother's purse.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam has the responsibility not to get his sibling in trouble by telling. On the other hand Sam has the responsibility to tell his mother.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, have become citizens.

* World Peace Day is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. At a time when war and violence often monopolize our news cycles, the Day of Peace is an inspiring reminder of what we can create together. A Minute of Silence at 12:00 Noon in each time zone, resulting in a "Peace Wave" around the world. Individuals, organizations, communities and nations are invited to participate in this shared and practical act of peace building on September 21.