



"What 'BE CARING' means to them"

Character Trait of the Month featuring Collinsville Middle School

Mission: To develop positive character traits in young people by providing a high quality character education process and resources to schools, homes and communities.

The Collinsville Middle School (CMS) staff and students have embraced Character Education during the 2010 – 2011 school year. The district character theme this year is "Who Cares, We Care about good character!" The Character Education Committee has worked diligently to provide character education opportunities for students and staff.

Various activities throughout the school year highlight all 10 character traits, especially, "Be Caring"! In August, staff and students purchased Character Education t-shirts, displaying the "Who Cares? CMS Cares!" logo and school district character education theme. Five times during the school year, "Character Flair Medallions" are awarded to students and staff who receive Character Trait Tickets. Students and staff earn trait tickets by displaying one of the 10 character traits. Recipients are acknowledged during their lunch period and receive a Character Medallion to wear proudly on their school I.D. lanyard.

Community Service Learning Projects are a priority at CMS this year. The CMS National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) adopted a local nursing this year. Students in the NJHS made and delivered cards and gifts throughout the year to residents at this nursing home. CMS Chorus students toured the Collinsville area, spreading holiday cheer to residents at a variety of nursing homes during the holiday season.

The Media Center offers the Character Trait Trail. Students complete an online packet about a public figure who has exemplified good character. Students who complete one stop on the trail each month are eligible to eat outside on the Positive Patio, complete with an ice cream treat.

Other exciting achievements for CMS Students of good character include CMS Spelling Bee Winner, Larome Whitfield, and three CMS students, Connor Highlander, Ashley Elmore and Caitlyn Martin who were honored by being selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. in April.

CMS features displays of the highlighted character traits each month. Volunteer teachers and staff provide artwork each month for the character bulletin board, located in the Commons area of the school. The board not only highlights the character trait of the month but it also recognizes students who exemplify good character.

Character Education thrives at CMS because of dedicated staff who keep it at the forefront of their teaching.



Larome Whitfield,
Spelling Bee Winner



Connor Highlander,
Ashley Elmore & Caitlyn
Martin, Junior National
Young Leaders
Conference Attendees



Darrin Houck, Assistant
Principal awarding a
student with a
Character Medallion



Mr. Todd Pettit,
Assistant Principal
awarding a student with
a character medallion



CMS/National Junior
Honor Society Students
bake brownies for local
nursing home.



Character
Bulletin Board

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