



Counselor's Corner

By Ms. Robyn Strauss

R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

This October, I will be highlighting the character trait of respect. Respect is also one of the Diamond School-Wide Expectations under PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) plus it is one of the pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!.



Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

In the primary classes, I will be emphasizing that respect can be demonstrated by the words we choose and the tone of voice we use. In the intermediate classes, I will broaden our students' knowledge of respect to incorporate self-respect, respect for others, respect for authority, and respect for property.

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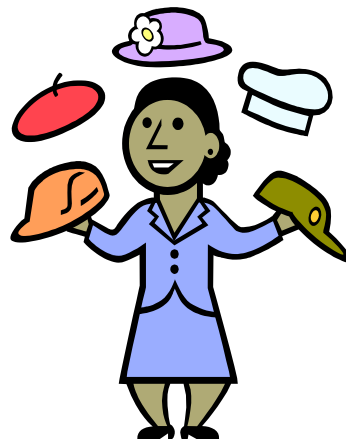
CHARACTER COUNTS!

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

Parent Participation

CAREER AWARENESS

If you or someone you know would like to speak to Diamond students during a career day (possibly in the late spring), please contact me at 301-840-7177 or email Robyn_Strauss@mcpsmd.org.



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S.G.A. Celebrates CHARACTER COUNTS! Week

CHARACTER COUNTS

The Student Government Association kicks off the year by celebrating CHARACTER COUNTS! Week October 19th—23rd. During this week, students will pledge to be kids of character. Look for the pledge in your child's data notebook or take home folder. Each class will report acts of character daily.

The officers and representatives wonder how many acts of character will occur at Diamond Elementary. They ask that you encourage your child at home to also use character. As a family, you can make a prediction of how many acts of character will occur at home.



Students will recognize acts of character all week.

Helping our Diamond Families

HOLIDAY GIVING

Every year, the Montgomery County Volunteer Center provides food at Thanksgiving and food and gifts for the December holidays to needy families in Montgomery County. The Volunteer Center coordinates this seasonal program in conjunction with a variety of religious, business and nonprofit organizations.

Families are referred by social workers and counselors. **There is no cost to the families at all.**

Please let me know if you are **interested in receiving these services no later than October 23, 2009.** Please note that the Volunteer Center does not share information with anyone other than the

particular group that is providing the free services.

If you are interested in donating to this program, please contact me.

GUIDE Youth Services and the Elementary schools in the Northwest Cluster present an evening discussion on...

Single Parenting

Come share your concerns, ask questions and hear strategies to simplify your life.

- When:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Where: Cinnamon Woods Community Center 18400 Cinnamon Drive, Germantown, MD 20874 (301) 972-0763
Why: To share and learn from other parents in our community.