

Brookhaven Elementary School

Peace & Character Education Program

2014- 2015

In addition to the Bobcat Code, the following character education themes will be implemented in Guidance lessons, by the counselor, teachers and school wide activities:

<i>September</i> Respect	<i>October</i> Responsibility	<i>November</i> Gratitude	<i>December</i> Caring	<i>January</i> Perseverance
Treating others the way you would like to be treated	Being a person that others can count on	Feelings of thankfulness and appreciation	Showing concern for others through your actions	Continuing with something even when it is challenging
<i>February</i> Honesty	<i>March</i> Courage	<i>April</i> Acceptance	<i>May</i> Cooperation	<i>June</i> Pride
Telling the Truth and keeping promises	The ability to be brave when times are difficult	Recognizing something with trying to alter it	Working well with others	Believing in yourself and your community

CLASSROOM IMPLEMENTATION:

Guidance Lessons

- Counselor will reinforce character concept each month through guidance lessons (15 minutes)
- Counselor will teach a guidance lesson (30 minutes) in each class once a month based on student needs and incorporating character education themes

In Classrooms

- Classrooms will have a PEACE corner to include a DEBUG poster and monthly character education definition (counselor will provide teacher at the beginning of each month)
- Keeping the Code tickets will available for teachers/subs to complete when a student is caught in the act of maintaining the CODE and keeping PEACE.

Teachers

- Teacher will read monthly character education theme definition each morning

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- Record number of green/peace days each day/month
- Select a student who has consistently demonstrated the monthly theme

SCHOOL WIDE IMPLEMENTATION:

- Bulletin Board will display PEACEKEEPERS, group photo along with those individual students caught in the act of Keeping the Code each month (photos will be seen all around the school)
- School Hallways will display character education themes and other posters relating to Keeping the Code
- Bulletin Board will display school wide Green/Peace days for each classroom
- Final month (June) students will participate in a Peace & Pride Walk around the school with posters demonstrating each of the character traits

Brookhaven Elementary has been utilizing Keeping the Code (respect, responsibility, caring and honesty) as a tool to encourage character building and maintaining a respectful and safe school community. The monthly character themes are designed to enhance the Bobcat Code.

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Websites

GREAT for PARENTS:

Lots of information and resources for parenting, learning disabilities, and attention challenges:

<http://www.ldaamerica.org>

<http://www.ldonline.org>

<http://www.schwablearning.org>

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder

<http://www.chadd.org>

<http://www.chadonline.org/chapters/chadd100.html>

(Montgomery County Chapter website)

GREAT for CHILDREN:

<http://www.ldonline.org/kidzone/kidzone.html>