

November 14, 2011



CHARACTER EDUCATION

# District Character Sullivan Schools

# November

## Soup's On and You're Invited!

"Bowls for Hunger," an annual event sponsored by the Sullivan School District Character Education Committee, will be held at Sullivan High School on Tuesday, November 22, beginning at 5:30 P.M. The public is invited. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. The event will benefit local charities.

When you enter the commons area, you will be able to choose a souvenir bowl from a large selection of handmade ceramic bowls lovingly crafted by Sullivan primary, elementary, middle, and high school students. Around the commons area, you will find staff members ready to serve a variety of delicious soups generously donated by local restaurants. The fresh, hot soup will be served in styrofoam bowls that fit inside your ceramic bowls. Beverages and bread will also be served. Student groups will provide entertainment as you eat. Following the soup supper, a program by student leadership groups will be held in the SHS Theater from 6-7 PM.

## Sullivan Primary School

The Sullivan Primary School has been busy working on service learning projects throughout the school. Liberty Leaders are working on greeting and welcoming visitors to the Primary School. Mini Pops have prepared a concert singing patriotism at the Veteran's concert held at SHS. Mini Picasso's are busy preparing bowls for the soup supper "Bowls for Hunger" night. All students at Sullivan Primary School participated in making centerpieces for the CEP's National School of Character Conference held in San Francisco, CA, October 19-21. Students created artwork that reflected the good character that they see in our community as well as in school. CEP's Administrative panel showed their appreciation to our students by writing a letter of thanks. Sullivan Primary and Sullivan Middle School accepted Promising Practice Awards for the best practices of good character that their schools have put into place (Liberty Eagles Journey...A Purpose, Fall Festival of Character).



# Sullivan Middle School

## Students Enjoy 2011 SMS Fall Festival

Sullivan Middle School held its annual Fall Festival on Monday, October 31. Students from the primary school were invited to visit booths and activities designed, created, and operated by middle school students. SMS Character Kids greeted each primary class as they entered the building and chaperoned them through the activities. Each booth also provided students with the opportunity to display good character traits while enjoying each others company and modeling good character. Students were also given a little trinket, candy, and other treats as the students accomplish a character goal. What a great opportunity for both schools to work together.

2010 National Promising Practice Award Winner



# Sullivan High School

## **“Doin’ It Right” Campaign**

Teachers are encouraged to fill out a Doin’ It Right character card for any student they observe demonstrating one of the character traits that are listed in the students’ planners. Honesty, Courage, Integrity, Respect, Citizenship, Loyalty, Fairness, Caring, Responsibility, Tolerance, Trustworthiness, Diligence

We are recognizing good character at SHS by having weekly drawings for prizes for those students who have been caught “Doin’ It Right”.

## **Get A Grip**

November 10, 2011, the Camfel Productions visited Sullivan High School to give the “Get a Grip” video. This tri-screen presentation promotes positive behavior and the importance of being a student of good character. This video was full of real life stories kids can relate to. The feedback from students and staff was very positive.

## **Clubs at Work**

Various clubs are working with in our community to make in difference in the life of others. The Interact Club sponsored a dinner for the veterans of this community prior to the Veterans Day concert hosted at Sullivan High School. This annual event is held each year in the performing arts theatre. If you missed this event, mark your calendar for next year.

SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, have been working hard to promote positive choices. October 24-28, SADD held many events to encourage a drug and alcohol free lifestyle for the students of SHS. The club sold shirts, hosted games, and even shared their ideas to obtain a \$1000 grant to help finance future events. In addition, November 22, 2011, SADD will work at the Eagles Hall to help prepare for their annual Thanksgiving feast.

FFA spent the day at the primary/middle school campus promoting good character to the younger students within the Sullivan School District through the Fall Festival. This event helps build character traits within the younger students and was enjoyed by everyone of all ages. Our high school students had a pumpkin patch and hay maze for the younger students to enjoy.

## **Advisory groups are making waves**

This year the advisory groups at SHS are putting their heads together to come up with service learning projects that they feel can make a difference. Our first service learning project, with the support of SHS athletic department and cheerleaders, is the “Dunk Hunger” event to be held November 15, 2011 at 7:15. Admission is \$1 or 2 canned food items. All cans will be given to the Sullivan Mission which directly touches the lives of students right here in our building. Students are competing to see which class brings in the most cans. The winning class will feast on Krispy Kreme donuts. Be watching for more events at SHS that you too can get involved with.

In August National Honor Society participated and raised approximately \$2,8000 for Relay for life.

Art Club also participated by making the Cancer Ribbon Quilt and raffling it off for just under \$500.

National Honor Society also sold Ted Drew’s Ice cream at the Football scrimmage to send to the Joplin High school NHS to help with dues for their members and replace lost materials.

The Football team also donated their gate money collected to the Joplin athletic department.

In October the Ceramics class has been busy making Bowls for the Bowls for Hunger.

In November National Honor Society is sponsoring "Layers of Love" collecting coats, mitten, hats, and scarves for students in the Sullivan School District.

## **Next Month:**

**Bowls For Hunger: November 22, 2011. The Sullivan School District will come together and the students will share about service learning**



# Sullivan Elementary School

## Having the Courage to Show Good Character!



Sullivan Elementary students have the courage to show good character every day! The character trait for October was RESPONSIBILITY. Students are learning to show responsibility by: 1. Coming to school prepared to learn each day 2. Completing class work and homework on time 3. Filling out planners every day 4. Keeping their school clean. The character trait for November is TRUSTWORTHY. Students are learning what it means to be a trustworthy person both in and out of school.

The Kids with Character Club has been working hard at their meetings after school. Students are busy making cards to be given to Missouri Baptist Hospital in Sullivan during the Bowls for Hunger event. They are also working on their Read, Write, Run goal at each meeting. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Renaissance Club began meeting to discuss projects and fundraisers for the remainder of the year as well.

Classrooms throughout the building will begin working on this year's service learning project during the next few months. This year, classrooms will be putting together supplies and bags for patients in different areas of Missouri Baptist Hospital in Sullivan. Some classrooms will be collecting hats and blankets for oncology patients. Other rooms will work on designing quilts to donate. Still other rooms will be putting together bags of supplies (mints, water, books, etc.) to give to patients during chemotherapy treatments.

