

October District Character Newsletter



Sullivan Primary Schools

Leading With Character

Sullivan Primary School is beginning the year learning the “Eagle Way.” The “Eagle Way” is a touchstone that has been put into place consisting of strategies such as; morning routines, common language, the character pledge, and conflict resolution tools; all these reinforce the core values of responsibility, respect, honesty, and co-operation. The “Eagle Way” is a tangible way to explain character to students at such a young age. Sullivan Primary School students and staff attended a Kids PLC Assembly where Liberty Eagle, the school mascot, along with the Sullivan High School Eagle demonstrated the proper way to do the “Eagle Way.”

Special points of interest:

- High School: New Murals, seat Belt campaign and No texting & driving
- Elementary School: learning about respect, Flashing Stars, after school activities.
- Middle School: Manners Matter at SMS
- Sullivan Primary School: Students learn the “Eagle Way” and Artwork for NSOC Conference

Sullivan Primary students were chosen to design and create artwork that will used at the CEP’s National School of Character Conference in San Francisco, California in October. Students will be creating artwork based on the theme *Building an Ethical Community*.

Student Leadership Groups at SPS are forming. Leadership groups consist of Liberty Leaders, Mini Pops, and Mini Picassos. SPS is very proud of all the students and we know that they are all are on the right road doing the right thing.....with good character!

Sullivan Elementary School

Building Character the Eagle Way!

Sullivan Elementary students are off to a great start with character this year! The character trait for September is RESPECT. Students are learning to show respect in the classroom by: (1) listening and following directions the first time; (2) raising their hands when they have a question or something to share; (3) keeping hands, feet and objects to themselves; (4) using quiet voices inside the school building and on the bus; keeping their school space clean; and (5) being polite and using good manners.

Every month the classrooms will select a Character Student of the Month. The character students will be recognized at monthly character assemblies and receive an invitation to the S.E.S. Character Café. Students dining at the Character Café experience a fine restaurant-style setting and will have the honor of having the principals and school counselor as their lunch servers. They also receive a special dessert treat!

Grade levels will also nominate Flashing Star Students each month. Flashing Star Students are the role models for our building each month. In addition to showing that month’s character trait each day, they turn in all class work on time each day, and have excellent attendance! They will have the privilege of calling home to tell their family about their school success and be invited to have Lunch with the Principal (sponsored by local businesses each month).

S.E.S. is also off to a busy start with our after school student groups! Students are already being selected to participate in our after school activities, including: Kids with Character Club, Singstions, Destination Imagination (D.I.), Wee Deliver, and Renaissance. An exciting year is planned for each of these fun, character building groups!

Sullivan Middle School



SMS Character Kids Are Making a Difference

The Sullivan Middle School Character Education Committee has adopted a new name and a new look. Now known as the SMS Character Kids, the group of 48 students has taken on several new responsibilities. Under the direction of five sponsors, students will rotate monthly through four different committees.

One committee will maintain several SMS bulletin boards, keeping them decorated with good character themes. A second committee is in the process of decorating the cafeteria hallway that will feature a large painted eagle and photos of school organizations and advisories. The third committee is working on plans to promote this year's school theme of "Manners Matter at SMS." Plans are being made for a school store to be maintained by a fourth committee.

**What lies behind us and
what lies before us are
small matters compared
to what lies within us.**
— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Sponsors Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Heinle, Mrs. Riegel, and Ms. VanLeer are meeting with their individual committees to accomplish their goals. The entire SMS Character Kids group will meet after school on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss their accomplishments and rotate to their new committees.

Sullivan High School



Sullivan High School takes on the task of bringing good character and school spirit back to our school. Several students have made it their mission to get everyone involved and excited about this new school year. Several new murals have popped up around the halls and have got students talking about how great our school really is. The involvement of our students is on the rise which has staff excited. In addition, there are many activities upcoming to help promote positive choices that impact our students such as "5th quarter" events following multiple football games, a monthly seat belt campaign, and the promotion of no texting and driving to name a few. Be watching high school newsletters and your emails for other upcoming activities for students.