

Mitchell County Schools 2011-2012 Character Traits / Themes for the Month

Mitchell County Schools - A Bully Free School System

*“All associated with the Mitchell County Schools believes student safety must be everyone’s top priority. As parents, teachers and school leaders we all play a key role in providing a positive model for our young people. All of us working together can provide an environment in our schools where each child has the right to come to school excited, enthused, and ready to learn and enjoy their day. The Bully Free Program emphasizes improving relationships and teaches students how to co-exist peacefully, appreciate differences, solve problems, control anger and look out for one another. The program also encourages attendance, academic effort and getting along with one another. **“WE BELIEVE....WE SHOULD BE.... BULLY FREE!”**”*

August/September Respect

Showing high regard for authority, other people, property, self and country. Treating others with fairness, and recognizing that people of all cultures have value as human beings. Quotes: *“Respect yourself if you would have others respect you.” - “If we all respected the rights of others, we would live in a more peaceful world.”*

Throughout August-September a focus should be placed on the student handbook and bus safety

October Responsibility

Being dependable and cooperative in carrying out obligations and duties; showing reliability in words and deeds. Being accountable for your own actions and working together for mutual benefit. Quotes: *“It is important to finish what you start.” - “It is your responsibility to do what you say you will do.” - “Being responsible means people can count on you.” - “Standing up for what’s right is not always easy, but it is the responsible thing to do.” - “Responsible persons are mature people who have taken charge of themselves and their conduct, who own their actions and own up to them – who answer for them.”*

November Good Citizenship

Obedying school rules and the laws of the state and nation. Understanding a citizen’s rights and responsibilities. Quotes: *“What you do tells more about you than what you say.” - “Don’t believe everything you hear, think about who you heard it from.” - “Integrity is doing what you know is right, even when no one else is.” - “Honest people don’t worry about what they’ve said or done.”*

Teachers can utilize **Bully Free Classroom (Allan Beane, 2001) materials provided at each school**

“When schools work together with families to support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school...but throughout life.”

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December **Service to Others/Kindness**

Providing meaningful assistance to those in the school and community through individual actions or cooperative efforts. Being considerate, courteous, helpful and understanding of others. Show compassion, caring and generosity. *Quotes: "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."*

January **Self-Discipline**

Demonstrating hard work and commitment to purpose; restraining from inappropriate behaviors; and controlling words, actions, impulses and desires. *Quotes: "Work as hard as you play." - "If you're going to do something, have the self-discipline to do it right."*

February **Courage**

Doing the right thing even when others do not, following conscience rather than the crowd. Attempting difficult things that are worthwhile. *Quotes: "Courage is doing the right thing when no one else will." - "A courageous friend will stand beside you when no one else will."*

March **Honesty/Integrity**

Being truthful and trustworthy in all things. Acting justly and honorably. *Quotes: "You can always be a better person today than you were yesterday." - "The true character of a person is shown when no one is watching."*

April **Good Judgment**

Choosing worthy goals and setting proper priorities. Making wise decisions after thinking through the consequences of actions. *Quotes: "It is never too late to set a goal for yourself." - "Part of good judgment is asking yourself if you will be sorry tomorrow for what you do today." - "It takes many years to build a strong friendship, it can take one word to ruin it."*

May **Perseverance**

Being persistent in the pursuit of worthy objectives despite difficulty and opposition. Being patient and willing to try again when confronted with delays, mistakes or failures. *Quotes: "Nobody knows what they can do until they try."*

Attention on Attendance

Perhaps the most simple, yet important fact regarding success in school, be it our school system or any other, is that in order to be really successful, students must be at school. It would be almost impossible for anyone to master an academic subject without being present to receive sufficient instruction. This is not a question of intelligence. It is a matter of consistency. That is why, for this school year, Mitchell County Schools have adopted as our year long motto "Attention on Attendance." The challenge for all involved is in making this the year that Mitchell County Schools focuses its greatest effort ever on attendance.