



Committed to Character Education

For the past several years, we have implemented the Hornet Hundred Program as a school-wide character education and behavior incentive program. This year we decided to revamp the program and give it a new name and a more specific focus. Our new program will be called "***Committed to Character Education***" and it will have two tiers.

The first tier of the program will be called "***Cash in on Good Character.***" This tier is very similar to the Hornet Hundred Program in which all staff members are encouraged to participate by handing out tickets to students who demonstrate positive behavior related to our character trait of the month. You may reward students for demonstrating this behavior in the bus lanes, in the hallways, during lunch/recess, and in the classroom. Our new tickets will be called "Buzz Bucks" and the character trait of the month will be highlighted on the "Buzz Bucks" for each month, so you can recognize our students specifically for demonstrating that trait. Each staff member will receive a template for our monthly "Buzz Bucks" and master copies will also be available in each copier room. Each month's tickets will be color coded. Please make copies of your "Buzz Bucks" at the beginning of each month. When you hand a "Buzz Buck" to a student, please thank the student for demonstrating the positive behavior and let the student know what they are being recognized for. Students should write their name on the back of the "Buzz Buck" and place it into their homeroom's "Buzz Bank." (Any plastic bin or shoe box may act as your classroom's "Buzz Bank.")

Homeroom teachers will choose one "Buzz Buck" from their "Buzz Bank" following Mrs. Evans' reminder announcement each Monday morning. The winning student will receive a reward incentive provided by the homeroom teacher. Reward incentive suggestions will be provided to homeroom teachers in your character education folder and you may choose a different reward weekly. Buzz Bucks should be kept in your Buzz Bank until the end of the month. You may keep them in a large ziplock bag if your bank is overflowing. On the last school day of the month, Mrs. Evans will make an announcement and spin the wheel for our monthly "Hive Rewards". Homeroom teachers should choose a "Buzz Buck" from your Buzz Bank for the entire month and that student will receive the "Hive reward". Please place your "Buzz Bucks" for the entire month in a ziplock bag and send it down the main office with your winning student following the wheel spin and morning announcements. Buzz Bucks from each homeroom will be placed in the School-wide Buzz Bank, and the whole school will receive a reward when we meet our school goals.

The second tier of the program will highlight students from each homeroom on our monthly "***Buzzworthy Board.***" Each teacher will nominate one student from their homeroom each month, discuss the student at their team meeting, decide on one girl and one boy to recognize for the month and write a brief paragraph highlighting the student and how that student demonstrated the monthly character trait and is an overall "buzzworthy" student. Special Area, Special Education, and Basic Skills teachers may also nominate one student for their department to highlight each month. Each month your nomination should be geared towards a different grade level. For example, nominate a 6th grade student in September, 5th grade student in October, etc. Highlighted students will receive a certificate of appreciation and their photographs will be displayed in the front atrium. They will also be recognized at the monthly board meeting, in Mrs. Evans' newsletter, and in the newspaper. Highlighted students will also be given the opportunity to be involved in a variety of leadership opportunities throughout the year such as assisting with school tours, introducing guest speakers, and helping with field day and the book fair.

We hope that our ***Committed to Character Education*** program will continue to enhance a positive environment in our school. Thank you for all that you do to support our students and for being an essential part of our Samuel Mickle Family.



Looking forward to a FANTASTIC school year!

~Character Education Committee