

# *Hornets Unite Through Character Education*



Dear Parents:

The East Greenwich Township School community is dedicated to providing positive support systems to our students through our ***Hornets Unite Through Character Education Program***.

Both Jeffrey Clark and Samuel Mickle Schools have established school-wide character education programs to encourage and support positive behavior.

At Jeffrey Clark, the ***“Bee” Your Best Program*** highlights students who demonstrate safe, responsible, and respectful behavior, as well as students who are truly and consistently giving their best. Staff members participate in the program by honoring these students with a “Bee” cut-out. The student’s name and homeroom is listed on the bee and the bee is placed into a grade level bin. Two bees are then drawn weekly from each grade level bin and students whose bees are selected receive a prize. The bees that are in each grade level bin are then transferred into a school wide container and once the container is filled, the whole school earns a reward activity.

At Samuel Mickle, our ***“Cash in on Good Character” Program*** highlights students who are demonstrating positive behavior connected to our district-wide character traits: *Respect, Kindness, Responsibility, Acceptance, Integrity, and Perseverance*. Staff members honor students who demonstrate these traits on a consistent basis with “Buzz Bucks.” Students write their name on the back of the Buzz Bucks and place them into their homeroom “Buzz Bank.” Homeroom teachers choose one buzz buck weekly and that student receives a reward incentive provided by the homeroom teacher. On the last day of the month, homeroom teachers choose one buzz buck from their banks and that student is rewarded with a “Hive Prize” from the principal. The Buzz Bucks are then transferred to a school wide Buzz Bank and the whole school receives a reward activity when we meet our goals.

In addition, students at both schools have the opportunity to earn “Buzz Bucks” from their bus drivers for demonstrating role model behavior. Students write their names on the back, and place them into the Buzz Buck Bin outside of the main office in their building for an opportunity to earn “Hive Prizes.”

Both schools also have a ***Buzzworthy Student Recognition Program*** in which one girl and one boy per grade level are recognized for exemplifying our character traits at our School Board meetings. Buzzworthy Students are nominated by their grade level or special area teachers for each of our six character traits. Buzzworthy students are highlighted in the monthly newsletter and their pictures are displayed in each building. Buzzworthy students have the opportunity to assist with a variety of leadership activities throughout the year.

All classes also have the opportunity to work with a partner homeroom at least once a trimester as a part of our ***Kindness Buddies Program***. During this time, Clark and Mickle classes will be working together to highlight our character traits through hands-on activities and projects. The Student Council of Character and Lunch Bunch will also be developing songs, skits, and video clips that highlight each trait to share on the morning announcements and during character education assemblies.

Our district is committed to providing programs that promote and reward students for their positive behavior. We hope that the programs we have established continue to enhance our school climate and culture while encouraging our students and staff to always **“BEE” at our BEST!** Thank you for all that you do to support our students and for being an essential part of our East Greenwich School Community.



Looking forward to a fantastic school year!  
~Character Education Committee