

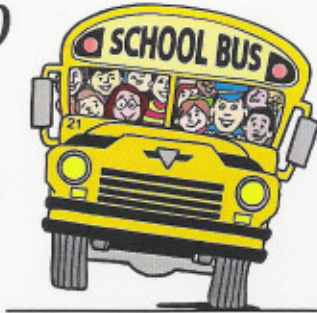
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The 2009-2010 School Year Welcomes You Back...



to classrooms full of reenergized students and smiling faces! Shaping children through the infusion of values today will cast the meritorious leaders of tomorrow who embrace the virtues of; **Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Self-Control, Hard Work, Concern For Others, Tolerance, Cooperation, Fairness, Forgiveness,** and have the **Courage** to act on these values through their own unwavering words and actions.

Remember, we ALL hold the key to unlocking the future of a child through our own leadership. "Creativity" is the antidote to making an indelible impression into the mind of a child. Our pledge to character development in schools is our assurance to producing successful students who will be our future leaders. Leaders are not born, they are created through the cultivation of unyielding values in practice.

- Peter N.G. Schwartz



Reflections..

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

- Leo Buscaglia

Values-Centered schools create holistic environments where students, staff and parents see the infusion of values as a way of life. Your effectiveness in being a role model and an effective leader requires that you continue to reinforce the importance of values through by **Praising and Recognizing** your student's efforts, progress, and accomplishments.

**"Achieving Excellence
Through Effective
Leadership"...**

Effective Values Code Leaders:

- ✓ Have their **Values Code poster** and **signed teacher's pledge** in a visible place in the classroom.
- ✓ **Consistently encourages** students to use the Values Code to outline their academic and personal goals for the year.
- ✓ Infuse the Values Code terminology into the **visual climate** in the hallway and classroom bulletin boards.
- ✓ Uses the Values Code terminology as a **proactive tool** in discussing, addressing, and solving potential student conflicts.
- ✓ Contact parents to **Praise & Recognize** a values-centered behavior that their child demonstrated. (Letter / phone call)
- ✓ Continues to build a child's foundation in being able to make good decisions by **continuously encouraging and creating opportunities** for students to demonstrate and act upon the values throughout the year. (i.e. community clean up projects)
- ✓ Encourages students to **discuss the Values Code with family members and friends.**