

CHARACTER COUNTS! added to CCSD 180 Curriculum

Throughout this past spring, Social Workers Lynn Moynihan and Meghan Radtke and I were involved in discussions about ways that will help enhance the citizenship, good behavior, and virtue of students within our school district. The most research-based, effective program that we found in our investigation of value-added strategies was the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program. I am pleased to announce that your Board of Education approved implementation of the program at its June 28, 2005 meeting.

Character Counts! is a character based program that is built upon the Six Pillars of Respect, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Caring, Citizenship and Fairness. All students explore the Six Pillars throughout the school year as they discuss and react to the daily events of their lives. Students are challenged to make decisions based upon the qualities of character as evidenced in the Six Pillars. Year-long exploration of these pillars will take place as the components of the program are integrated into the daily curriculum of our schools. We look forward to the implementation of this program and we thank our Board of Education for its approval and Mrs. Moynihan and Mrs. Radtke for their initial efforts.--*Dr. Frank Rink*, Superintendent

Charater Counts Website (link to website below)

www.charactercounts.org

A Quick Look at Character Counts (linked to the website below)

http://www.charactercounts.org/pdf/about/CC-QuickLook_1003.pdf

Learn More About the Six Pillars (link to website below)

<http://www.charactercounts.org/defsix.htm>

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