

BUILDING CHARACTER

Carroll County Public Schools



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During the month of October, we are highlighting RESPONSIBILITY throughout Carroll County. A responsible person is someone who takes charge of himself or herself and accepts the consequences of his or her actions, decisions, and words. Being responsible allows us to move forward in life, taking credit for our successes and acknowledging our mistakes so we may learn from them. Throughout Carroll County, students are being recognized for exhibiting responsibility.

Carrolltowne Elementary School students strive to follow the "Cardinal's Rule" throughout the school day and wherever they are! Their Code of Conduct is "Cardinals Rule!"

- C-A-R-D-I-N-A-L-S ...
- R - "Ready to Learn"
 - U - "Use My Manners"
 - L - "Learn for Now and Later"
 - E - "Every Place and Time Counts!"



At Oklahoma Road Middle School, students earn coins for positive behavior which they can redeem for ice cream. The Green Team works with their principal, Mrs. Hood, on keeping their school grounds attractive and well-landscaped. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Student Government Association, SHOUT (Students Helping Others Understand Themselves), and Twister News Live, the school's live morning news broadcast.

At Liberty High School, responsibility is learned through the expectation of a rigorous course load and involvement in one or more of the many clubs and organizations available to students. The National Honor Society promotes student responsibility and leadership by requiring a 3.75 unweighted grade point average and community service. In Advisory, lessons on Character Education, Personal Responsibility, and Leadership Skills are presented to students in all grades levels.

It is the obligation of each individual to practice and model responsibility. Our children, family, co-workers, and community are all affected by how we handle personal, as well as civic and social responsibility. At this particular time, we can teach our children to be responsible by conserving water and energy, and we can model responsibility by exercising our right to vote in the upcoming election.



"The price of greatness is responsibility."
~ Winston Churchill

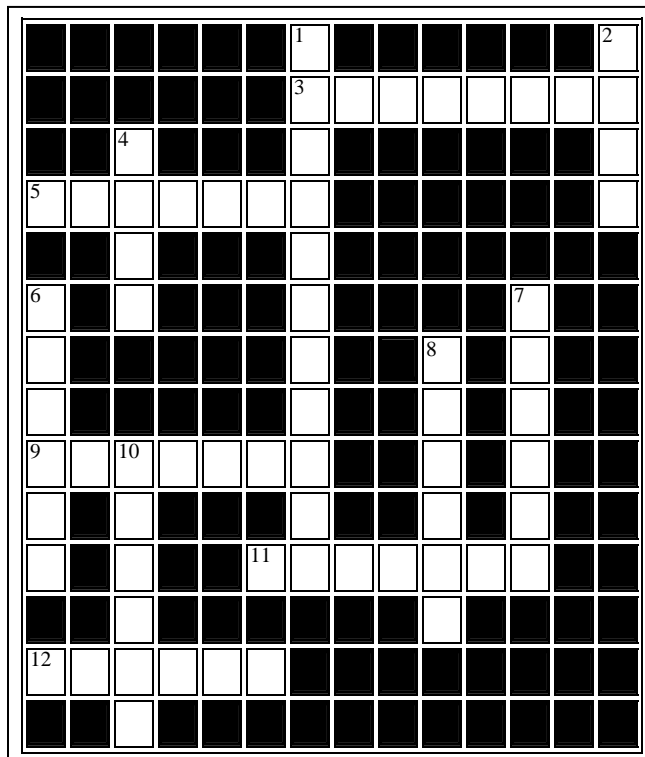


Responsibility's like a string we can only see the middle of.
Both ends are out of sight.
~ William McFee
Casuals of the Sea, 1916

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.
~ John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

When you blame others, you give up your power to change.
~ Author Unknown

A new position of responsibility will usually show a man to be a far stronger creature than was supposed.
~ William James
American Psychologist



Across

3. Responsible; able to be depended upon; following through with promises.
5. Decisions you make; options.
9. Aretha Franklin song - what we should give to everyone!
11. Practices, such as cleanliness, that promote good health & prevent illness.
12. Athletic competitions, games.

Down

1. Faithful, honest, true.
2. Animals who live in our homes.
4. Job; labor.
6. Household duties.
7. Amateur; beginner; learner.
8. Good or bad, you receive these on your report card!
10. Building where you go for an education.

The Peer Facilitators from Liberty High School created this month's newsletter. Great job!