



BUILDING CHARACTER

Carroll County Public Schools



To Our CCPS Community,

The recent Olympic games in Beijing provided many “teachable moments” to reinforce the development of good character in children. Many of the athletes overcame financial and physical obstacles to persist and excel in their sports. They showed respect for their opponents and exhibited good sportsmanship. The attributes that Olympians model - hard work, self-discipline, and perseverance - are character traits that we want our students to embrace so that they can experience individual success in their school careers and all aspects of life.



We always begin a new school year by highlighting the character trait of *RESPECT*. This virtue may be the most prized, because it is the foundation of good character. R.C. Samsel noted, “Just as no worthy building can be erected on a weak foundation, so no lasting reputation worthy of *respect* can be built on weak character.” By having *respect* for ourselves, we are capable of showing *respect* for others.

R - E - S - P - E - C - T

A Person with **R-E-S-P-E-C-T** will . . .

- ★ Use good manners by being courteous, polite, and speaking kindly.
- ★ Show consideration toward family, employers, teachers, peers, and others.
- ★ Honor other people’s ideas, differences, needs, beliefs, customs, and heritage.
- ★ Care for other living things - animals, plants, and the environment.
- ★ Obey the rules, laws, and customs of their family, faith, community, and country.



How I Show Respect . . .

I show respect for my parents by thanking them when they help me.

I show respect for my teachers by not talking with my friends when they are teaching.

I show respect for my friends by not making fun of them.



I show respect for myself by doing the best job I can in school.

W I S E W O R D S

“I’ll tell you the same thing my mother used to tell me: the most important thing in life is to try to do the very best for your neighbors.”

~ Hank Aaron

“Sir, I will treat you as a gentleman, not because you are one, but because **I** am.”

~ Thomas Jefferson



“Men are respectable only as they respect.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in your life, you will have been all of these.”

~ George Washington Carver



Carroll County Public Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank WTTR AM-1470 for their support of our character education program from its inception in 1999. For many years, they partnered with us and local businesses to air monthly radio spots, recorded by students, that highlighted the school system’s character traits of the month. We are so grateful for their support of Carroll County’s young people - THANK YOU, WTTR!!