



“Character Education is not a program — it’s a way of life.”

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**Announces the 2016
National School of Character (NSOC),
State Schools of Character (SSOC),
Honorable Mention and Emerging Schools**

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Don't Forget!

2016 MCCE Application can be found on our website. Check menu on left.

www.mdctrcharacter.org

National School of Character (NSOC)
Norwood STEM Program —Baltimore Co.
Thomas W. Pyle Middle — Montgomery Co.

State School of Character (SSOC)
Norwood STEM Program —Baltimore Co.
Thomas W. Pyle Middle — Montgomery Co.

Honorable Mention
Bear Creek Elementary—Baltimore Co.
North Caroline High—Caroline Co.
Piney Ridge Elementary—Carroll Co.

Emerging School of Character
Panorama Elementary—Prince Georges Co.
Pine Grove Middle—Baltimore Co.
Warren Elementary—Baltimore Co.



**Honoring our Award Winners from the 2014– 2015 School Year
Best Practices for the Month of June
Thomas W. Pyle Middle
Montgomery County**

Thomas W. Pyle Middle
Montgomery County
Principal:
Mr. Chris Nardi

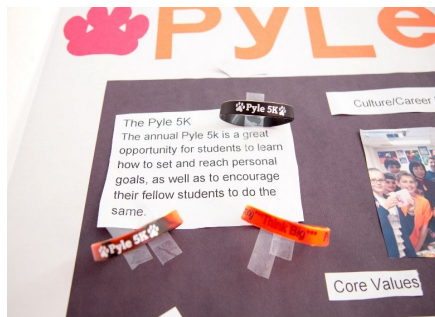
Title of Best Practice: Creating a nurturing learning environment with core values
Primary Principles Emphasized: 1, 4, 8 and 10

The Thomas W. Pyle Middle School community is committed to helping students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our mission is to ensure that all students achieve their academic and personal potential by learning in a nurturing environment, where the unique talents and background of individuals are valued and respected. With a school-wide comprehensive approach, our school promotes character education with approximately 1500 students through a variety of initiatives and programs. We engage students in discussion and activities, which help to create a common language of character education for staff, students, and parents within our community. We pro-actively plan for character education, including discussions and professional development with the school’s leadership team and staff throughout the year. We map out activities for the year and include them on our master calendar during the summer.

Stakeholders at our school developed core values, which are rooted in character education principles. To remind staff and students of our core values, a list of them is located in every classroom:



This years Thomas W. Pyle Middle is a 2016 National School of Character, (NSOC) and 2016 State School of Character (SSOC)



**Go to www.mdctrcharacter.org
<http://www.mdctrcharacter.org/best%20practices.shtml>
to review this “Best Practice” for the month of June**

The Maryland Center for
Character Education *at*
Stevenson University



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MCCE@SU Awards Ceremony

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Stevenson University, Owings Mills Campus,

Rockland Center

JUST A REMINDER!

**Maryland Center for Character Education
at Stevenson University**

Application/Nomination Forms are due by June 24, 2016.

For More Information contact Linda Muska at MCCEcharacter@aol.com

or visit our website at www.mdctrcharacter.org ;

click on 2016 MCCE Application

ALSO,

The Maryland Center for Character Education at Stevenson University will again be presenting one award to a Maryland School System that is making the most significant difference in the quality of character education in their county or region in the state of Maryland.

**2016 Guidelines for Maryland School System Award
on following page.**

Applications are due by August 5, 2016.

For More Information contact Mark Beck, at

MB4833@aol.com or at 410-822-6481



2016 Guidelines for MD School System Award

Due Date: August 5, 2016

Submit application to:

Mark Beck at MB4833@aol.com

We have no special format which we are asking school districts or systems to follow, but we are looking for efforts where strong schools assist other schools in their school district. In general we suggest that you follow the guidelines set up by Character.org. These can be found linked to our website at:

http://www.mdctrcharacter.org/State%20Schools%20of%20Character/ElevenPrinciples_new2010%5B1%5D.pdf

Simply review those guidelines as they apply to your school system and tell us the things you are doing to increase and improve character education in your schools following their numbered format. Please feel free to call on me as often as you like to answer specific questions which you may have.

Additional information on how schools and districts have been evaluated in the past by Character.org can be found on our website at: http://www.mdctrcharacter.org/State%20Schools%20of%20Character/Pub_Quality_Standards_2008.pdf

We encourage you to submit a list to MB4833@aol.com by August 5 of what you are doing to be considered for this award. Please use the Character.org "**[Character Education Quality Standards - A Self-Assessment Tool for Schools and Districts](#)**" as a guide in preparing your submission. These standards can be found and downloaded from the home page of the Maryland Center for Character Education website www.mdctrcharacter.org.

I hope this is helpful. Please contact me at 410-822-6481 or MB4833@aol.com with any questions you might have. Thank you for everything you are doing for our children by emphasizing character education in your schools.

Sincerely,
Mark Beck

Don't forget to Apply!