



Dear Parents and Guardians of Heights Elementary School,

We wanted to take a moment and share the highlights of our **Character Education Program**. We are beyond excited and impressed with our student's ability to grasp each character trait and put the monthly trait into action year after year. We would like to keep you informed of our efforts in this area, realizing "It takes a whole village to raise a child." We, as educators, are only a supplementary part of the ongoing character education in which you are involved with your child.

At the beginning of each month, the character trait being emphasized will be highlighted in various ways. Each year we will have a new round of traits to instill within our students. Teachers will infuse the character trait of the month into their curriculum. Mrs. Jacobson will implement various activities throughout the school year. Character Education themes will incorporate social and emotional lessons (SEL) presented to each class and/or student activities to be presented in the halls. Daily positives will be presented over the morning announcements by myself, students, and teachers, depending on the activity of the month. We will also have contests and awards throughout the year that will have students showcase their knowledge and success in possessing these character traits. To make our school united and as one, and to show that each student in our school is a child of good character we will all take the Character Pledge. Our Character Education Team is ready to help our students grow socially and emotionally. The goal of the Character Education Team is to create a MORE positive school environment and to provide our students with the best social-emotional learning practices.

We acknowledge that this is not a task that educators can do alone. We are asking that you support and reinforce the character trait of the month at home. Please see the attached document below to see what character traits will be highlighted each month. We look forward to having you join us in this worthwhile effort in fostering character education which you have already begun with your children.

Warmly,

*Kimberly Jacobson*  
School Counselor

*"No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship"*

## 2023-2024 Character Education Traits

The elementary school years are a time of dramatic change and growth for young people. They are a time when young minds, hearts, and spirits are forming and are being molded into future adults. We believe it is our mission to help our young students not only find their way, but to also find their voice as caring, responsible, and respectful members of a community.

**September** - Responsibility

**October** - Respect

**November** - Gratitude

**December** - Fairness

**January** - Acceptance

**February** - Caring

**March** - Trustworthiness

**April** - Citizenship

**May** - Courage

**June** - Perseverance



## Heights has Character!

### The Good Character Pledge

I pledge to be a kid of character,  
I will be worthy of trust,  
I will be respectful and responsible,  
Doing what I must.  
I will always act with fairness,  
I will show that I care,  
I will be a good citizen,  
And I will always do my share.