



Lee's Summit R-7 School District

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Character Education

Dear Parent,

Each month our school district emphasizes a different character trait. Resources are provided for staff to encourage awareness and understanding of each trait. Those resources include posters, books, and our most recent addition, a series of film clips designed to show the traits in action.

In summer 2010, the district received *Film Clips for Character Education* through a grant. The R-7 Character Team has selected film clips from this program appropriate for elementary, middle, and high school audiences to correlate with each month's designated character trait.

Each film clip is approximately one to three minutes in length and ends with a question designed to start classroom discussion about the character trait. Students are **not** watching the films in their entirety. Along with the film clips, teachers also receive study/lesson guides for each clip with ideas to further promote the character trait. We encourage students to discuss the character traits and film clips with their families at home.

Lee's Summit R-7 is proud to be a part of the Community of Character initiative, as we feel it truly takes a community to create a culture of shared responsibility. The traits emphasized monthly were selected by a diverse group of parents, students, business leaders, and district staff several years ago because the group felt they embodied common attributes that would be desirable for all Lee's Summit residents.

If you have questions about the Community of Character initiative, the resources being utilized, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Laura Maxwell

Character traits: Respect, Responsibility, Self-Control, Kindness, Courage, Cooperation, Honesty, Perseverance, Appreciation, Sportsmanship and Citizenship