## Principle

Effective character education promotes core ethical values as well as supportive performance values as the foundation of good character.

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WELCOME TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

Winner of 2 Promising Practice Awards for Character Education

> Winner of three **Promising Practice Awards** 2008 - 2009 - 2010



Students created ceiling tiles for our café to show how we care for each other.



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Kids are greeted with a smile at breakfast and lunch. Monthly Character traits are stated on the menus children receive.



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Ready

to Learn

Touchstone

Created "08-09"

Students work in small groups in their classrooms with teachers, grandparents, parent volunteers, and high school helpers several times during the day.



Our mascot "Lucky" greets our students with a High 5 weekly.



Character Banners made by students hang in the front windows of the school.

Character Education **Team Members** 

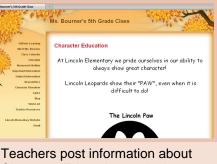
**James Bertels Becky Palazzola** Teressa Counterman **Janet Meyers** Tricia Moore Kari Lynn Stacey Geisendorfer **Kimber Nation** Monica Hatcher Sue Darby Chrissy Troutman Amy Porter Chris Garland



Students are recognized for showing their paw by putting their name on our Wall of Character

**Fall Festival** Safety Patrol **Character Council** Mother/Son Event **Healthy Schools Team** Father/Daughter Dance Service Learning Projects **Buddy Days/Activities** Accelerated Reader Program **Red Ribbon Week** Veterans Day Celebrations Muffins with M'Ladies Jump Rope for Heart **Choir Performances Talent Show** Author's Day **Donuts with Dudes Pennies for Patients** Food Drive **Drug Free Grams Student Focus Groups Grandparents Day** Homeside Activities Peace Ball

#### School-wide Character **Building Initiatives**



Character Education on their classroom websites.

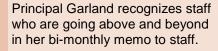


Effective character education defines "character" comprehensively to include thinking, feeling, and behavior.



Older students help mentor younger students who need a role model.

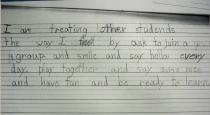
Bus drivers teach students about expectations for the bus and practice with them twice a year.



WOWS I saw this week!

- Bev Danback– I love the bulletin board you have going up in the hallway. Way to bring character and our expectations into writing!
- Kay Bobeen– You have such a gentle, but firm way of getting your students to rise to the occasion and follow your expectations!
- Kim Huntimer and all her paras– What an awesome week with some of our most challenging!
- Fifth grade teachers
   – Awesome transitioning of your students in the hallway!

Enjoy your weekend! Chris



Students reflect on how they or someone else has "Shown their PAW" in the PAW journal.



Some students have a behavior chart to help them remember to show their PAW. They reflect on their own behavior daily.

## Morning announcements are read by students each day.

Good Morning Lincoln Leopards!

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Our theme for November is Respect. Please join us in repeating how we show our respect in school:

I am polite, courteous, and caring. I honor others and myself. I am polite, courteous, and caring. I honor others and myself.

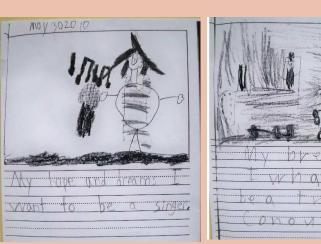
I will treat all people with dignity and value property. I will treat all people with dignity and value property.

Today and everyday, think about how you would like others to speak to you, treat your belongings, and act towards you. Then it will be easier for you to act the same towards others.

Now will you please stand and join us in the Pledge?



Students who attend Latchkey (after school program) create character bulletin boards monthly.



Students write about their goals and dreams for the future

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Effective character education uses a comprehensive, intentional, and proactive approach to character development.

## Counseling Connection Week of October 19th - 22nd

K-2 Week	
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Schedule of Me	etings:
	wacter Council @3:00
Wednesday:	
	Know the News focus group @ 3:00
Thursday:	Red Ribbon Week group 8:40-9:00
	Green Team @ 3:00
*Please have	e students packed and ready to go for any meeting at 3:00
Lunch Bunch:	
Monday: 4th	11:15-11:45
Tuesday: 3rd	11:45-12:15
Thursday: 5th	12:15-12:45
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- titlenth title about what they wrote on their chains till need haby pictures of staff for one of the contest for KNV. Please put them in my malbox. Drug Free grans will start this Thursday, please make use the sheets are sent home. I placed them in your malboxes on Friday. (Pink sheet) C2 teachers: I need names of students who would bene time busines of Mauric Masters on Jan I the chart is
- The counselor sends out a weekly memo to the staff.

#### **Counselor's Corner** "GRATITUDE"

Gratitude: I am a thankful person. I am mindful of those who help and care for me. I appreciate those who help me in achieving my goals.

Gratitude is one of the most powerful tools for creating joy. Each moment of our lives we can choose our attitude and where to focus our attention. When we consciously choose to be grateful, even in difficult situations, our ability to see the good in life is strengthened. Eventually, "seeing your cup half full" becomes a mental habit. On the other hand, a sense of entitlement blocks gratitude. When we choose to think that life owes us more than we have, we create constant dissatisfaction and unhappiness.

Don't underestimate the impact you can have when you take the time to make someone feel valued and valuable. No act of appreciation is ever wasted. Your children will learn an "attitude of gratitude" by copying you.

#### WAYS TO PRACTICE GRATITUDE:

- Slow down and appreciate the present moment
- List the things your grateful for each day-particularly the ordinary things
- Honor the special people in your life
- Send a note of thanks when you receive a gift
- Find the lessons in hard times

This is sent home in our monthly newsletter to parents.



Classes have meetings at least once per week for various reasons



When a classmate dropped in the

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Positive referrals are given to students for demonstrating good character by teachers and staff.



Safety Patrol helps students remember to show their PAW all around school each morning and afternoon.

## Are you showing your Paw??

- Are you being respectful?
- Are you showing self- control?

Are you being accountable?

Are you ready to learn?

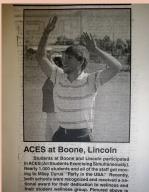
How will you show others?

Students are asked to reflect on their own behavior.

## **Kickball Guidelines**

- 1. Number off players 1-2
- 2. Anyone can play, but try to keep the sides even
- 3. No changing teams
- 4. Double base if the ball goes in the mud
- 5. Homerun if you hit over the fence to the sidewalk or

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ACES Our PE teachers talk to students about respecting their bodies through exercise. On Aces day the entire student body exercises together outside in the field.



Effective character education creates a caring school community.

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powerpoints! Kimbe

student skills. Kimbe

Thank you Zenda, ] up and going! Cara

A HUGE thank you to Sarah Ma the end of the day!!!!! Chris A.

Thursday Thrills.

would like to thank Sarah Mattingly for making all of the games for target oups. Target groups would not be possible without these materials. Thanks Kim Holder

] would like to thank Catherine Parker for helping out with target groups. I greatly appreciate everything you do. Thanks!!! Kim Holder

Amy Krueger got the sub lined out yesterday since the schedule had to change Kimber

Thank you to Mrs. Holder for noticing I was feeling overwhelmed and offering to help. THANKS YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Şarah Mattingly

Greg, Thank you so much for putting up with us pushy women and getting our phone issues worked out. lovanda :)

Staff give recognition to each other

for showing good character in the

Suzy always puts together and shares upcoming vocabulary and 6 Trai-

I really appreciate Mrs. Roseman making copies ahead of time

Thank you Behavior Team and Care Team for helpi help my students! Cara



Fall Festival

Guesday, October 28 6:00-8:00 P.M.

We hope you will join the Lincoln Elementary FTO at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival

We will play games inside the gym and on the playground, make simores, and enjoy time with family and friends. There is no charge for activities or snacks. Please dress for outdoor weather. No costumes please

Families come together for a night of fun activities.



Bus drivers give out Safe Rider certificates to students who are showing good character.

"School and Families Working Together"

"Rock The Test" Homeside Activity

Dear Lincoln Families

We are getting ready for spring achievement testing and we need your help! Please help us create a positive testing environment by sending words of encouragement to your child. We will decorate our school with rock band instruments that you can help create. Attached you will find an instrument that has a place to write encouraging words to your child to do their best on testing this spring. Please complete and return the homeside project by Friday, March 13th.

You are welcome to add glitter, sparkle, or other creative embellishments to your instrument.

are looking for 100% family participation, so please join in the fun

Remember, homeside activities involve the school and families working together.

Homeside activities help families connect learning to home and school, these are done quarterly.





Popcorn will be provided, feel free to bring a drink and a blanket. e hope to see you there

Lincoln Elementary enjoys family movie nights at school.



We received a Promising Practice Award for Neighborhood Night. Teachers walked from house to house handing out popcorn to students and their families, welcoming them to our school.

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Students create a list of ideas for a class party.



Principals have lunch with all students throughout the school year.

Say"Thank you" + "Your Welcome" -Excuse me, please -Can I be excused? - Chew with your mouth closed -Mr or Mrs. -Napkin on lap -No thank you

During a class meeting students discuss manners and give examples of how to demonstrate them.

## Effective character education provides students with Principle 5

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#### Students paid to wear PJ's to school and sent the money to help in Haiti.

#### "Pennies for Patients" February 1st - 19th

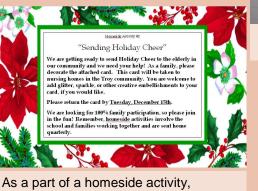
Included in Packet

- Lesson Plans for Elementary School Students
- Teacher Tally Sheet
- · Collection box decorated by 2nd grade students, thank you
- Parent or family letters (Please send home today)

#### Suggested Procedures:

- Start with a class meeting explaining and talking about Pennies for Patients and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Use PAW Journal to have kids write about cancer and how they can help.
- Set a classroom goal (you may want to set the goal low since we just collected for Haiti and the students are collecting for "Jump for Heart' campaign.)
- Have students count and total each week on the teacher total tally sheet. You can have them do this daily or weekly
- Send money with Tally Sheet to Mrs. Meyers before lunch so she an all in the total for the week

#### Students learn about how collecting Pennies for Patients helps others.





opportunities for moral action.

Students write about how they show their PAW when helping others.



Two students hold our Peace Ball and discuss in a class meeting.

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## Focus Groups Wanted Ads



Students may apply for jobs in any of the groups: New Student Welcome, Know the News, Minute Mentor to name a few.

## Code of Character

As a member of Character Council at Lincoln Elementary I understand that I must be showing my character at all times. As a member of Lincoln Elementary Character Council, I pledge to;

- Use appropriate words instead of physical aggression when solving conflicts. • Conduct myself at school to insure that I do not
- receive more than 2 referrals to the office.
- Act as a student with high character by never being send to the Thinking Station more than 4 times per quarter.
- Maintain my grades by not failing any subjects when report cards are issued.
- Earn a Good Standing mark from my teacher for the bi-quarterly report.

I understand the Code of Character and will abide by the guidelines set above. If I fail to uphold my pledge, I understand that I will be removed from Character Council.

Student Signature; Parent Signature:

A contract is signed by all Character Council members.

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As a part of a homeside activity, students decorated and created holiday cards for the elderly in our community.	The school adopts families to help at Christmas time. Students and staff contribute items and money to provide gifts for Lincoln families.	1. This would be a great time to talk to your child about when somene did something nine for you and how it made your feel.  2. Discuss ways you could help other people.  3. Talk about how it is better to give than to receive.  We hope to have the hallways anyletely filled with decorations talling us how Lucolo Lementary tutues and their families and their families.  Please return to school before December 1 <sup>st</sup> .  This way I mould have a spin to advant the advantion to families.

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Healthy Schools Agenda



Partner with Family Nutrition Education Program to provide nutrition lessons.



Library features books that demonstrates our Character Traits.



Students vote in Presidential elections as well as Character Council elections.

Effective character education includes a meaningful and challenging academic curriculum that respects all learners, develops their character, and helps them succeed.



Students work cooperatively in math centers.



Students have been learning about taking care of their bodies by making good food choices with help from the cafeteria.



Frilly and Miller sing songs teaching kids to make good choices in school.



Students stay after school to work on reading skills with teachers.

Kindergarten Literacy/Character Connection Big Books Unit 1:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly– enthusiasm, service, attitude
  Max's ABC Day enthusiasm
  Sow and Tell Day-respect, self-control
  Unit 2:
- The ABC Street Fair enthusiasm, attitude
  Warthogs in the Kitchen encouragement, service, attitude
  The Chick and the Duckling respect, compassion
- Unit 3: Animal Alphabet - enthusiasm service attitude
- Animal Alphabet enthusiasm, service attitude
  Elower Garden service, attitude and respect

We have identified the character traits within each story in our reading series



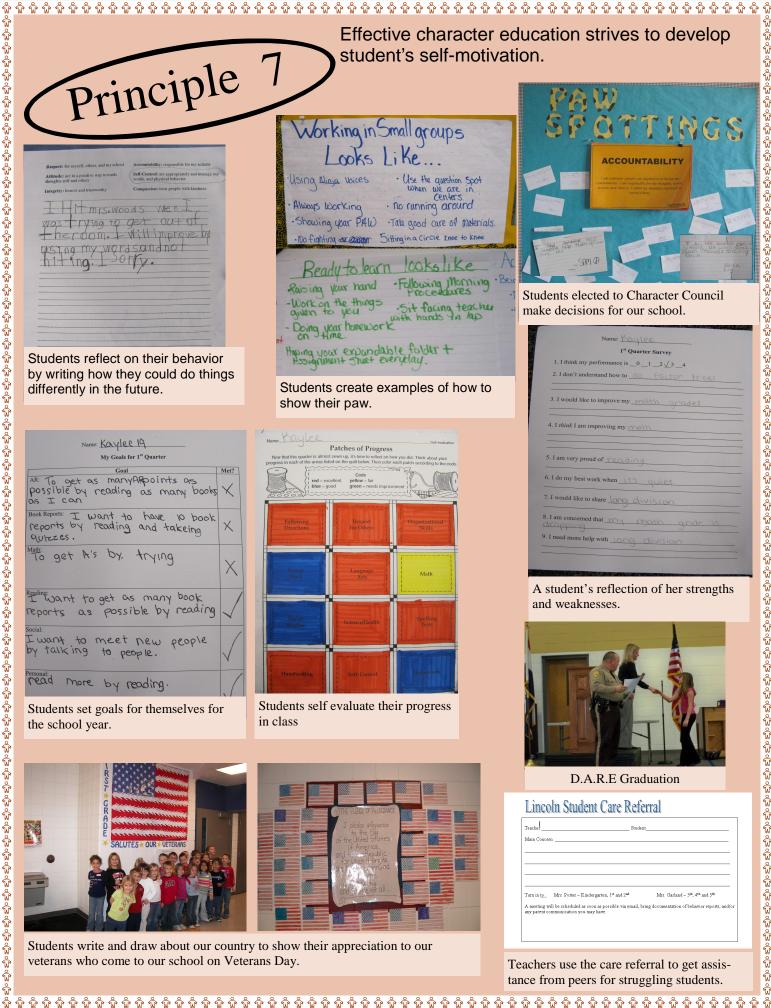
Children participate in reading activities with their families.

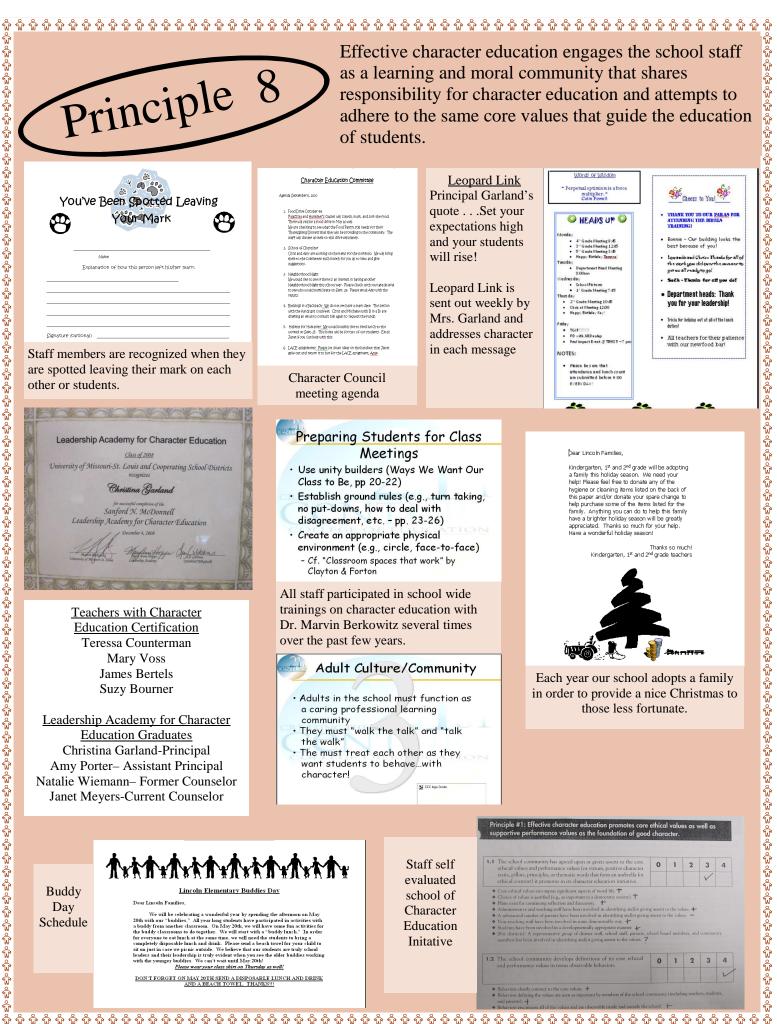
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Teachers meet to set goals and target the specific problems with interventions on students who are struggling.



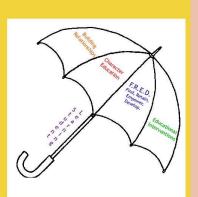
Teachers strategically group students with similar needs for reading and help students work together.





## Principle 9

Effective character education fosters shared leadership and long range support of the character education initiative.



Character Education is included under the district umbrella, under which all of our efforts must fall.

Lincoln Elementary Norms for staff are reviewed at all meetings.



- 1. Be prompt and prepared.
- 2. Stay on task.

- 3. Be Respectful.
- 4. Brief and relevant sidebars only.
- 5. Be positive with an open mind.
- 6. Maintain a Supportive community among all staff.



Students collected plastic which was recycled and made into landscape timbers. A tree was donated and planted by students.



Our know the news group writes a monthly newsletter for students.



Students in the Cleaning Champs Focus Group assist our custodian in keeping our school tidy.

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Cara V	
Pam G	imshaw
Julie R	
Erica H	ilgefort
3-5	
Kelly M	elton
Amy Kr	ueger
Kim Hu	ntimer
Carol D	avis
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Colleen Woods Janet Meyer

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Building Committees consist of staff members from all grade levels and departments.

#### **Teacher Expectations**

At Lincoln Elementary, we have expectations for our staff members. They are as follows

- · Be on time each day.
- · Take the time to get to know your students and build strong relationships with the parents
- Design and deliver lessons that meet the needs of all students individually. Have an open mind about all of our kids and their families. Refrain from
- negative comments and dialogue. · Utilize your plan time effectively to plan, reflect and organize your
- classroom. Effectively use your collaborative time to analyze data and make the necessary changes to instruction, groupings or plans to ensure that students are successful.
- Consistently follow and adhere to the School Wide Behavior Plan and Expectations of the student in the halls, cafeteria, bathrooms, playground, bus areas and classrooms.
- Adhere to the PBTE criteria and descriptors for certified staff/job descriptions or evaluation criteria for all others.
- Treat and handle all students the same way you would want someone else to treat your own children.
- Before you leave each day, reflect about something positive that happened
- Have fun every day with your students and smile



Students invite Grandparents to our school. First they have breakfast together, then they show them around our school and to their classrooms.



