

OCEAN ROAD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

Character Education is an important part of the Ocean Road School curriculum. As we celebrate New Jersey's "Week of Respect" from October 1-4, 2018, I am proud to provide you with an overview of the Ocean Road School Character Education program.

The Character Education program is implemented throughout the school to highlight the importance of positive character traits and to recognize students who consistently demonstrate these traits. The six pillars of character that are highlighted are: Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship. Discussions and lessons occur in homerooms, special area classes, and even on the playground and in the cafeteria. These discussions are led by teachers, administrators, and support staff and are based on lesson materials from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation.

A team of fifth grade students called Callan's Character Crew assists in the implementation of classroom lessons and other character-building activities throughout the school. Callan's Character Crew also provides daily "character tips" via the morning announcements to encourage all students to spread the news about the importance of good character. Community service projects are organized by Callan's Character Crew and other student groups during the year, benefitting organizations such as the Fulfill Food Bank, St. Gregory's Food Pantry, Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia, the Ocean County Pet Food Pantry, and Meal at Noon Soup Kitchen.

We are proud to recognize children who demonstrate exceptional character through our weekly Panther Plus program. Students receive Panther Plus tickets when they demonstrate strong character traits, and they love being recognized during school-wide announcements every Friday. Our Golden Sneaker (grades K-5) and Golden Panther Ticket (grade 5) programs also recognize children for being respectful, responsible, trustworthy, caring, and fair in various school settings.

Character Education is at the heart of what we do each day at Ocean Road School, and we are proud of our students, teachers, and families for embracing our character education initiatives!

Sincerely,

Sheila A. Buck
Principal