

Pate's Creek Elementary School  
Character Education Program  
2015 - 2016

"To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

- Theodore Roosevelt

The Pate's Creek Elementary School Character Education Program introduces students to basic positive character qualities that reinforce the character development already taking place in their homes. Character Education is tied to the Georgia Department of Education guidelines for values and education and features examples unique to our school and community.

The activities begin the day in each classroom. The first five to ten minutes of the instructional day are dedicated to the formal teaching of the program through WPCE and classroom activities. We will focus on a character education word of the month, but feel free to use the weekly outlined schedule below anytime throughout the month.

**Monday:** Introduction and definition of the word of the week. Please write the definition on the board each morning. Some classes use the definition as a sample for writing instruction. WPCE will read a short story about a person in the school, community, or in history who are good examples of each character word.

**Tuesday - Thursday:** Students will write in journals in the classroom about the word of the month.

**Friday:** The grade level assigned for the month will submit a journal entry on the character word that will be read on WPCE. Different teachers throughout the specified grade level should have students participate in WPCE for a week during their assigned month. Golden Roar tickets will be drawn (see below for an explanation).

**Student of the Month Celebration/Luncheon:** The Student of the Month luncheon is one more way for PCE to recognize those students that have exhibited good character throughout the month and who have consistently shown ROAR behavior. On the last Friday of each month (or when specified on the calendar) one student from each class is chosen whom the teacher feels has shown the most "character" for that month. These students will have lunch on the stage in the cafeteria. The Student of the Month Luncheon will be during the student's regular lunch time. Individual pictures will be taken. **Names are due to Mrs. Webb the last Thursday of each month by 2:00 p.m.**

**Golden R.O.A.R. tickets**

Anyone in the building can give students a Golden R.O.A.R. tickets for exceeding expectations. Please remember to put the full name of the student and the teacher on the form. On Friday, names are drawn for a chance to pull a treat from the treasure box.

The following list outlines the character qualities featured in our character education program, the month they will be used, and the teacher who is responsible for sending students to do the pledge on WPCE.

Character quality:	Month of:	Teacher assigned
School pride	August	Aug. 10-14: Valenzuela Aug. 17-21: Standard Aug. 24-28: Sheffield Aug. 31-Sept. 4: Lewis
Responsibility	September	Sept.7-Sept.11: Green Sept. 14-18: Walker Sept. 28-Oct.2: Reeves
Respect	October	Oct. 5-9: Perry Oct.12.15: Carletos Oct. 19-23: Birks Oct.26-30: Rogers
Kindness	November	Nov.2-6: Phelps Nov.9-13: Dougherty Nov.16-20: Blair Nov. 30-Dec. 4: Banks
Honesty	December	Dec.7-11: Stanley Dec.14-18: Lummus
Friendship	January	Jan.4-8: Head Jan. 11-15: Ervin Jan. 18-22: NEW 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Jan.25-29: Malette
Tolerance	February	Feb. 1-5: Jones Feb. 8-12: Irvin Feb. 22-26: Hall
Diligence	March	Feb.29-March4: Bradley Mar.7-11: Rosser Mar.14-18: McClain Mar. 21-25: Hancock Mar. 28-Apr.1: Coonce
Accountability	April	Apr. 11-15: Chadwick Apr. 18-22: Stanley April 25-29: Lummus
Communication	May	May 2-6: Head May 9-13: Ervin May 16-20: NEW 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teacher May 23-27: Malette