

## Staff Meeting November 14, 2005



**Snowball Activity:** (Presented by Kinder Character Ed Rep: Liz Clemons)

- On the slip of paper provided, please write down your answer to the question: What does Character Education mean to you?
- Once you are done writing your statement crumple up the paper and throw it across the room like a snowball.
- Everyone then sits down and reads out loud the “snowball” that they received.

### **Snowball statements:**

- “Character Ed means teaching things like politeness. It also means life lessons on character.”
- “How to act!”
- Visual, Classroom, Reinforcement of traits: 1<sup>st</sup> in line, VIP Lunch, Classroom writing assignments.”
- “Building a community of outstanding characters.”
- “Expectations for student conduct and behavior. Social skills. Leads to increased academic performance.”
- “Community building.”
- “Character education should teach good behavior and values.”
- “Direct instruction of traits that build positive character.”
- “Teaching students to be good people! To take initiative and find intrinsic value.”
- “Expectations-values.”
- “Building positive conduct in the classroom.”
- “Staff and students demonstrating good character through the 6 focus traits.”
- “When I hear those words I think of positive character traits.”
- “Helping students in building skills to deal with life.”
- “Developing responsible citizens who give back to their community.”
- “Improved use of appropriate social skills in the class and on the yard. Treating others with respect.”
- “Teach kids the various character traits that are positive for social interaction.”
- “Character Ed. is building respect among each other.”
- “I look upon Character Ed as an opportunity to show my class the good positive skills they have to get along.”
- “Character Ed-Learning to STOP and count, and think before acting. Nominating others for lunch time lanyards. Awards.”
- “Character Ed. offers students an opportunity to become better citizens.”
- “I think of Amy Freeman and all the hard work she puts in. I think of the character traits and how my students match characters from OC stories to the traits.”
- “Students respecting adults and each other. Showing responsibility.”
- “Character Ed at Charles Mack gives me an opportunity to teach my students about important life values and gives each of us the opportunity to practice.”
- “Caring. Empathy.”
- “Good Citizens.”
- “Teaching students positive and constructive ways of communicating and problem solving.”
- “Teaching kids the traits they need to become great characters.”
- “School unity.”
- “Consistent program throughout all grade levels/school.”
- “Responsibility, good choices, helpful, caring, empathetic, and respectful.”