



Students throughout the District are learning about character building through a weekly series of character-building lessons. Each lesson provides a **Home Link** and a **Community Link** to reinforce the daily classroom lesson. The **Home Link** is designed to foster meaningful communication among family members.

The **Community Link** is a proactive tool designed to heighten good character awareness and promote socially responsible behavior in the community. Each week focuses on the character quality presented in our elementary schools and provides ideas for your consideration.

## The Community Link

This week, our students are focusing on the quality of **COURTESY**. They are learning about:

- Courteous ways to address an adult and make introductions.
- How showing Good Manners reflects courteous behavior.
- The importance of following the Golden Rule.

Please take the time to consider what this good character quality means to your own group or organization by sharing the following:

### COURTESY

is being polite, using good manners, and showing consideration to others.

Consider using this Community Link with your employees, membership or organization whenever possible.

### What You Can Do!

- Explain to the youth in our community how showing common courtesy can yield uncommon results. Encourage them to show common courtesy in uncommon ways.
- Make a goal of extending courtesy to at least one person that you come into contact with this week.
- Think of four of the most common ways that people show courtesy toward one another. Make an extra effort to be courteous to those you come in contact with today.
- Food for thought: Does your organization emphasize courtesy among its members? Consider how practicing courtesy might lead to a more constructive working or social environment within your group.
- Integrate the principle of COURTESY in your organization as often as possible.