

## Respect

**RESPECT** means treating others as you want to be treated. **RESPECT** means recognizing the value of all people, property and the environment.

Help develop a common vocabulary and focus by communicating the meaning of RESPECT through your daily actions.

## Leader's Message:

Respect is The Golden Rule set into motion. The Golden Rule is universal. It cuts across religious and cultural boundaries and is embraced by people from nearly every part of the world, creating a common ground for all people. Think about how great the world would be if everyone treated everyone the same way that they wanted to be treated. Think about the power of the Golden Rule in our schools. Practicing it would eliminate undesirable behaviors such as bullying and disrespect.

## Food for thought:

Think about this quote by U Thant:\* "Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves." Consider what this means to you and how it applies to your life.

## Action Prompt:

Practice The Golden Rule. Weave *The Golden Rule* into your daily routine, make it a habit. Challenge students and colleagues to practice it. Help students realize that respecting others is the best way to create peaceful, bully free environments. Be an example of a person who values and demonstrates respect through the words you say and the things you do.

\*U Thant (1909 -1974) was the third secretary-general of the United Nations (1961 -71). He was the first Asian to hold the post.