

# CITIZENSHIP

## DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **CITIZENSHIP** means being a loyal member of a group, community and/or country. Good citizens work for the common good to make life better for everyone. Cleaning up the school grounds and caring for school property shows good citizenship here at \_\_\_\_ (school name). Obeying laws and being honest in all your dealings strengthens your community. Show your good citizenship today and make our school and community a better place to live. Make it a magnificent day!

## DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. As a **CITIZEN** of the United States, you have both rights and responsibilities. The rights include being free to live and worship as you choose, speaking your opinion freely, and voting to select government leaders. Your responsibilities include obeying the laws of the land and taking care of the environment. When you wait for the light to change before you cross the street and wear your helmet when riding your bike, you show good citizenship. Look for other ways to be a good citizen! Make it a terrific day!

## DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. One of the responsibilities of **CITIZENSHIP** in America is paying taxes. A tax is money that is paid to the government to be used for services that help make your community grow. When you buy a candy bar at the store, the cashier adds a few pennies to the actual cost of the candy that is collected for government use. Those pennies are added to other taxes that adults pay, so that there is enough money to pay for good police forces, fire fighters, and public schools. Tax money is also used to build and maintain safe roads. No one likes to pay taxes, but the money is necessary to make your community and country a safe place to live. Make it a wonderful day!

## DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Margaret Mead, an American writer said, **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."** There are hundreds of volunteer groups that help thousands of people every day in our country. They were all started by small groups of concerned people who wanted to help their community. These groups provide shelter and food for the poor, train people for jobs, clean up communities, serve meals to the elderly, plant trees, and volunteer at schools. Look for ways you can contribute to your community by being a good CITIZEN. Make it a tremendous day!

## DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Voting is both a right and a responsibility of **CITIZENSHIP**. When you are 18 years old, you will be able to vote in elections that determine who will lead the country. Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers of our nation, said, **"Here sir, the people govern."** Your vote will help determine who will be President of the United States, Governor of your state, or Mayor of your town. Encourage adults you know to vote and help "govern" our country. Make it a fabulous day!