



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 **KINDNESS**. They are learning about:

- How kind words can change a person's feelings and improve their attitude.
- To look for opportunities to show kindness to others.
- Ways to thank kind and considerate people who have made a difference in their lives.

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

KINDNESS

means to be nice, and considerate towards others.

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

What You Can Do!

- Show the youth in the community what a little kindness can do. Your example will be their greatest teacher.
- Help others in your group or organization realize the power of a listening ear, a kind word, or an outstretched hand of friendship. An expression of kindness can have tremendous benefits when least expected.
- Food for thought: Think about the last time that you performed a kind act for someone without expecting repayment or acknowledgement. How did your kindness make you feel at the time?
- Post this quote by Albert Schweitzer and consider its meaning: "Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate."