

# **LEADER LINKS**

## About the LEADER LINKS...

The Leader Link is a weekly message delivered via email to support character development, good citizenship and social responsibility. The Leader Links address the same character traits that our students focus on throughout the week. Each Leader Link provides a simple definition, an inspiring quotation, a thought provoking question and an action prompt to encourage you, your friends, associates or group to consciously incorporate each quality into daily living.

# **CELEBRATE GOOD CHARACTER**

#### **Definition:**

Character is who a person is on the inside. A person's beliefs and actions show others his or her character. Respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, perseverance, fairness, and caring, are qualities of good character. Character is who we are.

### Leader's Message:

Education isn't just about reading, writing and arithmetic; but it's also about life, citizenship and the value of being a good person. When a district incorporates this principle into daily operations, the result is positive: student performance improves, morale goes up and discipline problems go down. The best news is that this behavior extends beyond the school environment and gives way to the development of good habits and long lasting behavior that will impact generations to come.

## Food for thought:

Think about this quote by Theodore Roosevelt. \*\* "To educate a person in mind and not in morals, is to educate a menace to society." Consider what this message means to you, your fellow associates and your family.

### Action Prompt:

Celebrate Good Character! Acknowledge and embrace the critical role you have in shaping the character of young people.

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

— Author Unknown

\*\*Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt (1858 – 1919) was the 26th President of the United States. Positive Learning Systems. © Copyright 2012