



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 **FRIENDSHIP**. They are learning about:

- The importance of choosing good and loyal friends; and how their friends can influence positive or negative outcomes.
- How to make new friends and keep old friends.
- Why the dog is often referred to as “man’s best friend.”

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

FRIENDSHIP

is a relationship between two or more people who enjoy being together.

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

What You Can Do!

- Encourage the youth in the community to be the type of friend that they would like to have. Help them identify the qualities that make a good friend.
- This week, contact a friend that you have not spoken with for two months or more.
- Consider your friends and ask yourself: What qualities do you look for in a friend? Do you, yourself, bring those same qualities to the friendships that you make?
- Food for thought: Does your organization encourage friendships among its members? What types of events or activities does your group sponsor to help members get to know one another as individuals?
- Create an atmosphere that breeds FRIENDSHIP in your organization.