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# Acceptance

**Acceptance** means respecting the differences among people. It entails recognizing different opinions and ideas.

# DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to The Principal's Principles. ACCEPTANCE means respecting the differences among people. Some people are afraid to get to know others who dress, speak, or look different. That is too bad, because everyone has something good to share. Imagine how boring the world would be if everyone looked, acted, and thought exactly the same way! If you take time to get to know people who are different, you may be surprised to find that you have many common interests. Be accepting and kind to others who are different than you – and you might make a special new friend! Make it a magnificent day!

#### DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to The Principal's Principles. ACCEPTANCE makes people feel like they belong. If you have ever moved to a new school or neighborhood where you did not know anyone, you know how great it feels to be welcomed and treated kindly. Look for someone today that you can include in your activities and help him or her to feel accepted. It's a great way to make friends and spread happiness. Make it a terrific day!

# DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to The Principal's Principles. ACCEPTANCE means learning to live side by side with people who are different than you. Everyone is unique, so it is important to learn to be tolerant of others. If you meet someone who speaks a different language, ask him or her to teach you how to say a few words, like "hello" and "friend". Don't let differences scare you away from learning about and understanding others. Make it a wonderful day!

# DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to The Principal's Principles. There are many ways to show ACCEPTANCE for things or people that are different. Trying delicious new foods or learning a new game from another culture adds interest and fun to life. When you learn about people from other countries, you might discover folktales about exotic animals, learn to make craft projects like masks covered with colorful feathers, or enjoy music that is totally different than what you are used to hearing. We are lucky to live where we can learn so much from one another! Make it a tremendous day!

# DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to The Principal's Principles. Have you ever tried to plant a flower in a pot full of rocks? It doesn't work very well! An Englishman named Sir John Powell said: "Human beings, like plants, grow in the soil of acceptance, not in the atmosphere of rejection." That means that in order for people to grow and develop, it is important that they feel ACCEPTED. Rejection is like filling a pot with rocks, which makes it very hard for a plant, or a person, to grow. Help the people around you to grow by treating them with tolerance and kindness. Make it a fabulous day!