



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 **EXCELLENCE**. They are learning about:

- That everyone has the ability to demonstrate excellence in some area.
- The importance of doing their best and striving for excellence daily.
- How setting high goals helps them achieve excellence.

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

EXCELLENCE

is the ability to wait calmly without complaining, even when something takes a long time.

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

What You Can Do!

- Be a role model for excellence in your organization. Encourage others to be role models for excellence for the youth in our community.
- Post this quote by Aristotle: "We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act, but a habit."
- Think about someone who stands out as an example of excellence and determine what defines this quality in him or her.
- Ask yourself: Is excellence one of the common goals in your group's mission?
- Food for thought: Think about your standard for excellence. Do you approach everything that you do with this standard of excellence in mind? Should you?
- Integrate this principle of EXCELLENCE in your organization as often as possible.