community link

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 **COOPERATION**. They are learning about:

• How cooperation makes accomplishing a goal more achievable.
• Different ways to cooperate with others.
• The meaning of the quote: "An opportunity for greatness is better achieved through cooperation than in isolation."

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

COOPERATION
means getting along with each other and working together to accomplish a common task or goal.

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

What You Can Do!

• Talk to the youth in the community about the advantages of working together as a team. Share specific examples on how cooperation divides the work but multiplies the success.

• Encourage cooperation within your organization. Help build a spirit of cooperation in your home and community.

• Name four roadblocks or obstacles that people encounter when working together. Describe a solution for each of the problems mentioned and set them in motion.

• Food for thought: Think about and identify the different components (departments, committees, work groups) within your group or organization and describe how all of the parts function together toward a common goal.

• Integrate the principle of COOPERATION in your organization as often as possible.