

# **Character Counts Week!!!!**

**Monday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday Nov.21<sup>st</sup>**

Dear Parents,

Tierra Bonita is excited to celebrate Character Counts Week. As you may have noticed around campus, we are trying to implement (and decorate with!) the Six Pillars of Character on a more regular basis to help our kids learn and understand the importance of good character. We have been focusing on different “pillars” each month and will continue throughout the school year. Character Counts Week is a chance for the kids at Tierra Bonita to get excited about good character and to have some fun activities and prizes in connection with showing good character.

This packet contains information on the Character Counts events next week, along with helpful tips for parents and an overview of the Six Pillars of Character. Also, there is a Responsibility Commitment Card for the kids to fill out and practice being responsible over the weekend so they can get a prize next week. Please read through and find ways to praise and encourage good character this week and throughout the year.

## **Character Counts Events**

### Monday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Trustworthiness

Kids can come at lunch recess and see what’s it like to really “trust” someone. We’re having a trust walk where kids will be with a partner...one child will be blindfolded and their partner will have to guide them through the obstacle course! Then they get to switch roles.

### Tuesday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Responsibility and Caring

At lunch recess on Tuesday, kids can turn in their Responsibility Commitment Cards and their book donations for a special prize.

As we learn about the importance of caring, we’re going to show how we can care for others by giving to those in need. **Please have your child bring in a new or gently used book to send to school children in Uganda through the “Invisible Children” charity organization.** Go to link below for donation guidelines <http://www.invisiblechildren.com/media/assets/s4s3-resources/BWB-Acceptance-Guidelines.pdf>

Responsibility is hard to cover in 1 day, so we’re asking for parents help! **Please have your child fill out the attached commitment card with something they are going to be responsible for over the next 3 days. Then, have them turn it in at lunch on Tues. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please have them fill in the blanks and sign the card so they can get their prize. There is a copy on Tierra Bonita’s Website ([www.tbes.org](http://www.tbes.org)) if you need extra copies. (Note: Because we’re discussing responsibility, we will only give prizes to those who bring their card back on Tues. Also, if they forget it at home, do NOT bring it to school for them...how

will they learn to be responsible if they think Mom or Dad will always bail them out!)

Wednesday Nov. 19th – Respect

Wednesday, kids can make a doorknob hanger at lunch recess reminding others (nicely) to respect their privacy or belongings in their room. There will be plenty of fun stuff to decorate their masterpiece!

Thursday Nov. 20th – Fairness

This fun lunch recess activity will include games, relay races and prizes for “the winners”!

Friday Nov. 21st – Citizenship

Let’s see how creative our kids can get in our Citizenship Costume Contest! We want all the kids to dress up as someone from American History that has shown great citizenship. They have to be able to say who the person is and why they showed great citizenship. Examples include the obvious such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but could also be great people like Harriet Tubman, pioneers who settled the West, soldiers (please...not just an “Army guy”...give the kids a military hero to be) or any of the other many people who have helped make this nation great.

If your child does not want to dress up, they can wear purple (the color for citizenship). Anyone who takes the time and effort to dress up or wear purple can get a prize during lunch recess.

Friday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Family Movie Night (6-8pm)

Come join the fun as a family at our Family Movie Night. We’ll watch “The Incredibles” and have our 25 cent refreshment stand open. There will also be Character Counts goodies to give out! This is a perfect way to start the holiday break as a family and a great conversation piece to tie in the Six Pillars of Character that the kids have focused on all week with the characters in the movie.