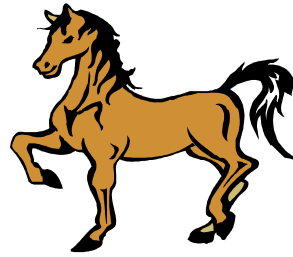


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The monthly newsletter of
Pearl R. Miller Middle School



Notes from the Principal's Desk

The Six Pillars of Character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship) represent an important area of emphasis within our school. They cultivate personal accountability and a manner of interacting with other people that contributes to a positive and supportive climate wherever these qualities exist. We recognize students who stand out for their demonstration of these characteristics regularly. However, these six qualities are not solely represented within individual achievements. As a matter of fact, our student body has done much over the course of the school year to demonstrate that the Six Pillars are deeply embedded in our school.

There have been a number of charitable initiatives here at PRM. The 6th Grade Class Committee's "Pennies

for Puppies" project, the 7th Grade Class Committee's food drive for the Inter-Faith Food Pantry and the Kindness Campaign, and the 8th Grade Class Committee's drive to collect Nintendo DS games for donation to children suffering from life-threatening diseases all began with ideas from our students. And, with the cooperation and support of fellow students, these initiatives have become very successful. This is a clear illustration that character is not just something that we talk about with our students, but rather that it is something that is a part of who they are. We appreciate the spirit of kindness and giving, and the strong character, that our students continue to demonstrate.

Looking for the Winter Blues

Sometimes the winter months can be tough on students. Look for these signs of the winter blues:

- Increased feelings of lethargy
- Difficulty waking up in the mornings as the days get shorter
- Difficulty concentrating and thinking creatively in comparison to the summer months
- Incorrectly blaming oneself for things that go wrong
- Difficulty performing tasks that normally seem to be easy/enjoyable
- Increased craving for carbohydrate-rich food like chocolate and sodas

If you start seeing these signs, sit down with your child and talk about ways to beat the winter blues. Try planning some down time for your child to relax and talk about what is bothering them.

Winter Concerts:

December 9:
Grade 6 Choir and
Band—6:30 PM

Grades 7 and 8
Choir—8:00 PM

December 10:
7th and 8th Grade
Band 7:30 PM

December 18

Progress Reports
Issued

December 23

Early Dismissal

Dates To Remember

January 4:
Return to School from Break

January 15:
Winter Dance Grades 7 and 8
only

January 22:
Grade 6 Teen Canteen