

CHARACTER CONNECTION



“What is right is right, even if no one is doing it. What is wrong is wrong, even when everyone is doing it.”

Character Trait:

RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility: the ability or authority to act or decide on one's own, without supervision

Diversity Awareness:

NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for 2013 is "Because We Are EQUAL to the Task."

NDEAM's roots go back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." Upon its establishment in 2001, ODEP assumed responsibility for NDEAM and has worked to expand its reach and scope ever since



Quote Of The Month

“In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.” –Eleanor Roosevelt

5 Ways to Help Teens Learn Responsibility

- 1. Identify a local not-for-profit organization where kids can volunteer.** There is no shortage of organizations that support all sorts of causes—from hunger to the environment, to abuse and education.
- 2. Motivate children to think sustainably.** Kids are increasingly more sensitive to the perils confronting the Earth. When you help children become involved with sustainable projects, they learn to take responsibility for their personal impact.
- 3. Have your child read to an elderly relative or neighbor.** Let the children spread the good cheer by spending an hour a day reading to someone who lives alone or is in poor health. Building this kind of relationship with an elder helps them notice how important human interaction is for people to feel good physically and psychologically.
- 4. Clean out your closets.** Assign a couple of days for your family to clean up rooms and closets. Set aside a donation bag to put clothes that are in good shape but that don't fit anymore and toys that they no longer use.
- 5. Give them a gift allowance.** If your kids are 10 or older, you may want to give them some money to buy gifts for their siblings, parents and grandparents. It doesn't have to be a large amount and you definitely want to promote “do it yourself” gifts over purchased ones. But having a small budget teaches kids to be responsible for their money.

October Service Project

Coat Drive Oct. 14-24

Now is the time to clean out your closets! Winter is on its way. We are asking for **new** and **gently used** coats and winter accessories (hats, gloves, scarves...) for families in need. Coats of all sizes, infant to Adult.

The 7th and 8th grade Advisory classes with the most participation will receive an ice cream social during their advisory time!