

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are implementing Character Education schoolwide at Junior High this year. Some of you may have already noticed a Character Ed banner hanging under our No Bullying banner on the outside of the gym. Our Character Ed banner has six character words along with Hooks Junior High written across the banner. Our Six Character Education words for this year are....

- *Responsibility Rd*
- *Respect Avenue*
- *Trustworthiness Way*
- *Caring Street*
- *Fairness BLVD*
- *Citizenship Lane*

***Responsibility will be our 1<sup>st</sup> six weeks character word.***

We will promote one word per six weeks. I also placed street signs in our halls with our Character Ed words. Soon a set of Character Ed street signs will be placed outside as well.

At the beginning of each new six weeks, the Character Ed word for the six weeks will be announced during announcements.

As teachers see students showing characteristics of the Character Ed word for the current six weeks in class, in the halls, cafeteria, during recess, etc., they will give students a small slip of paper along with a treat. The slip of paper is color coded for each student's grade level. On the slip of paper the Character Ed word for the six weeks will be labeled along with a place to write their name. Once students receive this piece of paper, they will write their name on it and place it in the crayon color bank for their grade level. The crayon banks will be displayed in front of my office. At the end of the six weeks, I will draw one name from each grade level bank to receive a Chick-fil-A meal during their lunch period. Staff members also have a chance to earn tickets and a Chick-fil-A meal each six weeks!

***GREEN is 5<sup>th</sup> grade***

***YELLOW is 6<sup>th</sup> grade***

***RED is 7<sup>th</sup> grade***

***BLUE is 8<sup>th</sup> grade***

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [ritchied@hooksisd.net](mailto:ritchied@hooksisd.net) or (903) 547-2568.

Sincerely,

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