

EARLY ACT FIRST KNIGHT (EAFK)

A CHARACTER BUILDING PROGRAM SPONSORED AND FUNDED BY ROTARY CLUBS.

WHY THE POSITIVE RECEPTION FROM THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARDS FOR THIS CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION?

- * MINIMIZES (50% TO 90%) FEWER DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS.**
- * FACULTY TEACHING TIME REGAINED (30 TO 45 MINUTES DAILY) WITH MORE LEARNING RECEPTIVE STUDENTS CAUSING HIGH FACULTY SATISFACTION.**
- * CREATES AN ANTI-BULLING CULTURE.**
- * CREATES OVERALL ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT THROUGH A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- * INCREASE (DOUBLE TO TRIPLE) STUDENT VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.**
- * CAUSES A LARGE (200+%) INCREASE IN PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.**

HOW IS THIS ACCOMPLISHED?

THE K THROUGH 5 STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT THE IMPORTANCE IN LIFE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTER TRAITS/VALUES:

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| * RESPECT | *CONFIDENCE |
| * FRIENDLINESS | *HONESTY |
| * TOLERANCE | *SERVICE |
| * RESPONSIBILITY | *COMPASSION |
| * DISCIPLINE | *PERSEVERANCE |

AND THE FOUR - WAY TEST

EACH CHARACTER TRAIT/VALUE HAS 20 - 10 MINUTE LESSONS SUPPORTING IT. ONE 10 MINUTE LESSON IS TAUGHT EACH SCHOOL DAY. AFTER 20 CLASS DAY LESSONS, AN ASSEMBLY TAKES PLACE AT THE SCHOOL AND AN AWARD/MEDAL IS GIVEN TO A STUDENT FROM EACH GRADE AND CLASSROOM THAT BEST REPRESENTS THAT SPECIFIC TRAIT/VALUE. THIS 'EARLY KNIGHTS ASSEMBLY" (10 EACH YEAR) IS IN FRONT OF ALL THE SCHOOL'S STUDENTS AND FACULTY. PARENTS AND FAMILY OF THE AWARD/MEDAL STUDENT ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND SHARE IN THE EXPERIENCE AND SHOW THEIR APPROVAL OF THE AWARD/MEDAL STUDENTS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

INTERVIEW

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