



Here's What EAFK Users Are Saying



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Humble ISD

"WOW! Where do I even begin?!? That ceremony was so special! I just wanted to take the time to say thanks so much for honoring students for outstanding character! I have been a part of character education as a counselor for several years, but I have never seen anything like that! The kids were so excited and you could tell by looking at each of their faces, they felt truly honored and special! I hope this program continues for years to come at Bear Branch as well as spreads throughout the district! Thank you for supporting such a touching program! Thanks for all you do and for making a difference DAILY in the lives of the students and families at Bear Branch!" **Shannon Birkhead, Humble ISD 7th Grade Counselor** whose kindergarten daughter was honored at Bear Branch Elementary's Knighting Ceremony.

Austin ISD

"This program has given our school a strong shot of character. Our children are proud to be a part of Pecan Springs and all it has to offer such as the EAFK. We have seen major improvements in our children's behavior and we are looking forward to our next school year ." **Elaine McKinney, Principal, Pecan Springs Early College Prep School**

"I like EAFK because it's fun, and I like when the parents come." **Sophie G., Kindergartener, Dawson Elementary**

"I was reluctant at the beginning because EAFK started when 4th grade was going through many changes, but I absolutely LOVE IT, and the kids really enjoyed it. I would love to have it for next year". **Xochitl C., Student, 4th Grade, Pecan Springs Elementary**

"I like EAFK because it teaches us about different character traits that help us be better people." **Brenton L., 2nd Grader, Dawson Elementary**

"Rotary has done a wonderful thing for the kids and teachers at Pecan Springs. I've had an opportunity to talk it up in the classes I read to and at the assemblies. The kids are so excited and engaged in the program and the teachers are all smiles. Congratulations for what you are doing! The thing I noticed most is hope in the teachers' eyes for the students." **Bill Gordon, Austin Northeast Volunteer, Pecan Springs Elementary**

"I just want to say to Mrs. Reynolds, THANK YOU SO MUCH for all your support to our school. The program is wonderful. For some reason, we just got so busy teaching our kids science, math, reading, etc. that we forgot one of the most important reasons why children needs to get educate: values. This past year I enjoyed with profound happiness how many colleague teachers said that some of our typically wrong behaved kids turned their attitudes around and were shown to be more mature and responsible. If we really practice these character traits every day, this program really works. Overall I can say, we need to teach students RESPECT. Respect for themselves, for their parents, for all adults, teachers, and peers. That is the foundation of any program that intends to seriously teach values to students and EAFK does that." **Guadalupe J. Ojeda, Teacher, 3rd Grade, Pecan Springs Elementary**

Killeen ISD

"EAFK has been responsible for significant improvement in discipline and great improvement in classroom behavior in the schools we sponsor. Principals, teachers, and parents have joined in praising this program of character development. It motivates kids through its system of rewards and emphasis on chivalry. Best program I have ever seen." **Edward J. Mullen, Ph.D. Rotary 5870 Governor 2005-06, Past Mayor, Harker Heights, Killeen ISD**

"It is difficult to make the right choices and to stand out from the crowd but EAFK will help you do that. Students who have been knighted are like a tightly bound bundle of sticks that are difficult to break." **Jamie Blassingame, Principal, Eastern Hills Middle School, Killeen ISD.**

"Character, academics and relationships are equally important in the overall education of a child. Teaching children to be morally sound is critical. EAFK supports this belief system of teaching character and teaching children to serve their community. We value the support of Rotary and EAFK in the education of our students. In our society, academic performance is important, but character qualities lead to true success." **Carolyn Dugger, Principal, Harker Heights Elementary, Killeen ISD**

"The knighting program works as a motivator to encourage students to show good character in everyday life. Students seem naturally drawn to the knighting era and are excited to hear from real knights about how they can become one." **Kim Bellomy, Counselor, Harker Heights Elementary, Killeen ISD.**

"We have never had a way of sustaining the recognition we give students who do the right things. EAFK provides this! We see students wearing the medallions with pride for all occasions. The way they feel about themselves is remarkable and warms my heart. We have a created a group of student leaders who all look toward with admiration." **Michelle Taylor, Principal, Reeces Creek Elementary, Killeen ISD**

La Grange ISD

"EarlyAct FirstKnight has provided a clear picture of desirable character traits for our students. The daily lessons, tournament of champions, and knighting ceremonies provide the incentive to help our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students strive to learn the desirable traits. Parents routinely report that the students use the traits and the Rotary 4 Way Test at home. Behavior has improved and staff routinely used the character traits on campus. La Grange ISD has had an excellent year with Early Act First Knight and look forward to another." **Randy Albers, Superintendent, La Grange ISD**

La Grange ISD

"EAFK encourages students by giving them a positive code to live by while helping them build strength of character in important areas of their lives! This is the best character education program I have ever experienced!" **Sue Keenon, 3rd Grade LAR, Hermes Elementary, LaGrange ISD**

San Marcos ISD

"Our students take great pride in helping this global project, Pennies for Polio through EAFK. The idea of service above self and kids helping kids resonates with our students. They were excited to know that each 15 cents raised provided a vaccine for a child." **Mary Hill, Counselor , Crockett Elementary**

Klein ISD

"This program instructs, motivates, and equips students to seek the highest standard and personal excellence so that they can serve their communities with knowledge, wisdom, and compassion." **Greg Jones, Former Principal, Eliland Elementary.**



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