



May / June 2010

Embracing Character Development  
In All Aspects of Our Lives

## **Character Counts! Everywhere...All the Time**

It is time to celebrate!

### **1st Character Counts! Kent County Essay Contest**

Students have written their essays. Teachers and character coaches are evaluating them presently. Students addressed the pillars with depth through their stories. Whether they have written about a caring person in their life or expressed their sense of responsibility – all have understood that these values matter. All students are to be congratulated for their participation and their sincere thoughts expressed in the essays. The challenge for the schools and parents is to have high expectations of students in the choices they make every day with the knowledge and lessons they have received.

You are invited to help celebrate all students writings, listen to few of the winning entries, and congratulate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners by grade at an awards ceremony being held at the Decker Theatre, in the new Gibson Arts Center, Washington College at 6:00 p.m. on May 20, 2010.

Character coaches continue to visit the classrooms. Some lessons being covered during the current months are:

- Develop Trust – A Most Precious Trait**
- Don't Make Excuses – Face Up To Your Mistakes**
- Learn to Forgive**
- Learn to Enjoy the Arts**

**Coins for Character** fundraising campaign is currently on in the classrooms. All funds raised will be used to purchase curriculum and training materials for the volunteers. Please support this campaign by sending in coins or a dollar to your child's classroom.

**CC! Jr. DJs** Please continue to listen to WCTR 1530 AM each Wednesday mornings between 7:45 – 8:00 a.m. Students from around the County participate as CC! Junior DJs, sharing their knowledge of character lessons and highlighting their talents and interests. A few essay contest winners will also have an opportunity to read their essay over the radio waves during the months of May and June.

**Appreciations and Thanks** Students in all classes will receive the CC! Certificates of Completion for being part of the program this year. All CC! coaches will also receive Certificates of Appreciation for their volunteerism through the entire school year. As a community, we are grateful for their commitment to character education of the children of Kent County. Your kind words to your child's character coach will also be highly appreciated.

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**Thank you** to the community members who have sent in their sponsorships.

Character Counts! Kent County is a non-profit organization seeking student sponsorships. It costs \$20 per student per year to deliver character lessons. Please consider sponsoring one or two students. Please send your charitable contributions directly to the Executive Director & Program Development Manager, Mrs. Madhu Sidhu, Character Counts! Kent County, 215 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620. You may donate on line at [cckentmd.org](http://cckentmd.org) 100% of your donation to CC!KC is deductible for federal tax purposes.



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