

SCULPTOR NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER-RELATIONSHIPS

I firmly believe that building healthy relationships is an important part of being successful. Children need to recognize the qualities of good friendships so they can develop positive relationships with peers and avoid relationships based on negative attitudes and behaviors. Learning how to be a good friend increases self-esteem and helps children see the importance of maintaining healthy relationships. With stronger self-esteem, it is easier to be a good example to others.



In October, we study **four** "Wise Skills" that are fundamental to building healthy relationships. Those "Wise Skills" are **cooperation, honesty, friendship** and **courage**. **Cooperation** is necessary to foster healthy relationships; **Honesty** is essential to maintain the relationships we want to keep; **Friendship** is fundamental and desired by all; and **Courage** is a key quality that draws the right kind of friends to you.

I encourage you to engage in family discussions at home about building good relationships. For example, talk about the qualities that constitute a good friend, the importance of choosing your friends wisely, or that sometimes one has to have courage when a friend might ask you to do something that you know is wrong. It is important to know that a **true friend** would never encourage you to break a rule or ask you to endanger another person.

"Core Knowledge: Don't Leave School Without It."

SCULPTOR RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Look around! Oh what a beautiful school...!

Moving right along, we are continuing to address those few issues that need attention with our contractor.

- New carpet will be reinstalled in the music room and library.
- A new set of glass doors will be installed at the south east end of the building.
- A new paint job in the front lobby on the 16th of this month.
- And we are very excited to report that the stage curtains are in the process of being installed!
- A sound reverberation reduction baffling system has just been ordered for the gym and will be installed as soon as a manageable.

- The field is seeded and grass is growing abundantly :-)!

Kudos to our custodial and maintenance staff who have been working extremely hard to maintain the building while continuing to address our renovation needs.

Again, we are excited to be in control of our own destiny!



What a wonderful group of volunteers, consisting of Sculptor families, friends, and staff, that teamed up for Campus Clean-up last Saturday! We appreciate the pride you take in your school by helping to spruce up the outside, organize the inside and cleaning along the way!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 15th- SCS Walk-A-Thon
- October 16th- Student Holiday
- October 22nd- K-8 Report Cards Issued
- October 23rd- 1st Qtr. Awards Assembly: Grades 6-8 @ 9:15am, Grades 3-5 @ 10am; Principal's Honor Roll Lunch 11:55am
- October 25th-30th- Red Ribbon Week
- October 26th- BICS Board Meeting 7am: Cancelled
- October 29th- 1pm Dismissal followed by Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-7pm. Call the front office to schedule.



SCS 10th
Annual FALL
FESTIVAL
Saturday,
Nov. 7th
10AM-
3PM

**Attention
Parents, Volunteers:**

Would you like to attend your child's field trips and/or volunteer in their classroom or elsewhere? If so, you must first complete the electronic application on the VIPS computer located in our front office!!! Waiting to do so will jeopardize your involvement at Sculptor.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

Sculptor Middle School students, under the direction of our middle school science teacher, *Mrs. Cynthia Lopez*, want to become **Environmental Heroes!** They will partner with our Elementary students to lead them on adventures to identify environmental problems, look for solutions, and instill respect for the world's natural resources. In the process, student buddies will bond together and gain an understanding of each other while learning to respect each others' differences. This understanding will help foster a positive school environment.



You can help!!! The **Environmental Heroes** need volunteers as guest speakers and/or to assist with various projects . Do you have or know someone who has expertise in wildlife conservation, conservation of natural resources, recycling, pollution and/or being a positive role model to others? Would you like to assist the students in setting up an area for a school garden, testing soil and water, planting trees and many more activities? Please contact Mrs. Lopez (lopezc@sculptorcharter.org)

FACE THE MUSIC!

It has been a very proudful and pleasurable experience to hear the sound (with a few squeaks here & there) of our first ever SCS Band! The thirty or so members, under the direction of our Music Director, *Mr. Christopher Maddy*, are eagerly and successfully joining together to make a joyful sound!

There is just one thing that could make the band better: instruments. While most of the members have arranged to buy or rent their instrument of choice, others could benefit from your generosity.

Do you have an old but fondly cared for instrument tucked away in your closet or attic just screaming to be back in the lime-light? Why not donate it to our music department? Your instrument will be polished, tuned and still fondly cared for as it is made available to students in need or used to teach some instrument variety to others.



Mr. Maddy strongly believes that any and all interested students should have the opportunity to at least try the "band experience" in order to develop that "inner musician".

To find out if your instrument would be appropriate for donation or for further information about Sculptor's Band program, please contact Mr. Maddy (maddyc@sculptorcharter.org).

LOVE AND LOGIC: POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT



-JIM & CHARLES FAY

If you've followed Love and Logic® for any period of time, you know how strongly we believe in holding youngsters accountable for their mistakes and misdeeds. As most of us have learned the hard way, the road to wisdom and responsibility is paved with plenty of small mistakes and their consequences.

As we go about shaping the hearts and minds of our children, it's important to remember that this road is also paved with positives. While it's unrealistic...and not too healthy...to reward our kids every time they do something good, we're wise to remember the value of reinforcing good behavior and good deeds.

If The healthiest and most powerful types of reinforcement involve time and attention rather than stuff. Examples include:

- Sitting on the floor with your toddler as you allow them to repeatedly destroy your tower of blocks
- Noticing something your teen has done well and patting them on the back
- Saying to your child, "It looks like you really worked hard on that. I bet you're proud of yourself."
- Doing a puzzle together
- Playing catch
- Etc.

As we provide reinforcement, it's wise to remember the following:

- Reinforcement is more powerful when it comes as a surprise to our kids.
- Reinforcement loses its power when our youngsters come to expect it.
- Rewards should not be given every time our kids do something good.
- When our kids beg for or demand rewards, they shouldn't get them.
- Avoid saying, "You are so smart." Focus on your child's hard work and perseverance.
- Your love should never be used as a reward or a consequence. Your children should have it all of the time.

The most successful parents always remember that it's their job to give their kids the most accurate taste of the real world as possible. This means that we help them understand that *much of the time* hard work and good deeds provide positive results. It also means helping them understand that we do these good things because they're the right thing to do...rather than because we expect rewards for doing them.

Thanks for reading! -Dr. Charles Fay