

Dear Staff,

The Character Education Committee would first like to thank you all for making the first character education initiatives of 2011-2012 school year a success. The students did a great job on their PRIDE activities and the 9-11 Commemoration ceremony was meaningful for all involved. What a great way to show pride in ourselves, our school and our country!

As a committee we have many exciting activities planned and we look forward to involving the entire school community in these upcoming projects and events. It is our intention to document all the wonderful things that currently go on in our school, along with the new programs we have planned. This documentation will help us when we sit down next summer to complete the V.M.E.S. application for a National School of Character. At this time we are asking **all** staff members to complete a short 10 question survey on Survey Monkey evaluating last years Character Education program. This will be our baseline data. When you complete this anonymous survey please think back to the 2010-2011 school year. You will complete a similar survey in the spring evaluating all the new programs the Character Education Committee puts in place this year. Please cut and paste the following link to complete the VMES Character Education Survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5CTWSBD>. Each question has a comment section if you would like to give the committee more insight as to why you answered the question in a particular way. Please note that the survey was designed around the 11 principles of a National School of Character. We will use the results from this survey to guide this year's initiatives. **Please complete the survey by Friday, October 28th.**

Thank you for all you do for the students of V.M.E.S. We know how busy each and every one of you is and we truly appreciate your help with this survey.

Sincerely,
The Character Education Committee