



Living Values

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Dear ACES Parents,

We'd like to introduce you to the *Living Values Educational Program** which is presently incorporated into your child's ACES education curriculum in order to model and teach the universal values of PEACE, COOPERATION, UNITY, RESPECT, LOVE, HONESTY, FREEDOM, HAPPINESS, SIMPLICITY, RESPONSIBILITY, TOLERANCE, AND HUMILITY.

Each month there's a value of the month, beginning with Peace in August. That value is taught through many activities including: Living Values Thought for The Day each morning on the televised announcements; Kids of Character from each class; special whole-school service projects, and activities to enhance learning, including stories, interactive demonstrations, sharings, etc.

We are a group of educators, counselors, parents, and grandparents who volunteer at ACES to promote the LIVING of VALUES. We believe that the primary source for values and character education is the family, and that schools and parents working together build better communities.

Please watch for invitations to attend ACES / Living Values parent workshops throughout the year. Last year we addressed such topics as "How to Talk So Your Kids will Listen," "How to Say No with Love," and "Don't Worry if Your Kids Don't Listen...They are Always Watching You." In addition to getting tips on Living the Values and parenting skills essential for developing character in children, you will also receive four (4) volunteer hours for attending. These workshops are usually held on early release days from 8:45 am – 10:30 am at the school. **The first workshop will be on October 20th at 8:45 am. The topic is "Dealing with Feelings."**

Living Values is an international program, and we invite you to visit our global web site at www.livingvalues.net to learn more. On our USA website, www.livingvalueseducation.org, you can download *Living Values* posters. Notice that there are two different sets of posters, age appropriate -- age 3-7 or age 8-14. We hope you'll keep the poster of the month handy and discuss some of your thoughts on that value with your child. Keep in mind the importance of modeling values....your children are watching!

For many of our volunteers, our children are grown; but if they were young like yours, we would be happy and proud to have them enrolled in ACES. We look forward to Living Values with you.

Sincerely,

LIVING VALUES VOLUNTEERS

** Living Values: An Educational Program is a partnership among educators around the world. LVEP is part of the global movement for a culture of peace in the framework of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World. Living Values is currently operating in more than 60 countries worldwide. ACES is a demonstration site for values education in the USA., and we are proud of ACES's accomplishments and national recognition for their character education program..*