



# **NAVESINK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**2020 - 2021**

***A Community of Character***

August, 2020

Navesink Families,

Our comprehensive character education program, *A Community of Character*, aligns with the school's [mission](#) and is designed to continually support the development of human qualities that will foster lifelong happiness/success. It features an emphasis on nine essential traits that serve as our foundational pillars. These include:

Character	Responsibility	Fairness
Respect	Honesty/Trustworthiness	Kindness
Citizenship	Caring	Leadership

Each of the aforementioned is accentuated throughout a designated month across our campus, as well as via virtual interactions. Teachers select a student who exemplified the quality and a ceremony is held to recognize/honor this positive behavior. These celebrations, until further notice, will be facilitated digitally based upon the following schedule:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Trait</u>	<u>Celebration Date</u>	<u>Celebration Time</u>
September	Character	Wednesday, September 30th	9:00 AM
October	Respect	Wednesday, October 28th	9:00 AM
November	Citizenship	Wednesday, November 25th	9:00 AM
December	Responsibility	TBD	
January	Honesty/Trustworthy	TBD	
February	Caring	TBD	
March	Fairness	TBD	
April	Kindness	TBD	
May	Leadership	TBD	



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A link will be shared with families to participate in *watch parties* for these momentous occasions.

In addition, *Caught in the Act of Character*, was launched as a new component of our extensive program during the 2019-2020 school year. Its purpose is to identify and celebrate daily actions that embody Navesink's core principles. Names of students who demonstrate character in-person and over computer platforms, can be submitted via a *Google Form*. These children will be acknowledged through afternoon announcements every Friday.

The characteristics that encompass our *Community of Character* are infused into all activities and lessons at Navesink School. We are truly committed to fostering a positive culture and developing ethical leaders who will positively influence the future.

Sincerely,  
*Kevin G. Cullen*  
Principal