



## ***From the Principal...***

Dear WHS Families,

### ***We are Cubs of Character !!!***



At Whitehouse School, we have been quite busy over the past few weeks. As a character-based school, we strive to be of service and show good character all year long. This month was even more special because of two key national celebrations. National Character Day was on September 22 and National Green Apple Day of Service followed two days later on Saturday, September 24.

We began the week with a focus on water conservation and cleanliness, culminating with a River Friendly Clean-Up service project at the South Branch Raritan River. September's character bucket theme at Whitehouse School was *responsibility*. As a 2016 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School award recipient, we spent the month discussing the *responsibility* that we have to our environment and the Earth. Children shaded in a piece of their character-building buckets as they performed *responsible* acts throughout the month.

In school, we also came together as we held our annual school mascot spirit day where the children brought their favorite "Cubby" to school. As an entire school community, we made entries into our Character Education Reflection Journals (courtesy of Walmart in Branchburg) as we responded to the prompts: *What traits do people show to display good character? How have you been of good service to your school and others?*

Also, as you will see featured in the video below, our third graders partnered with kindergartners during Morning Meeting time. They taught the youngsters how to greet others with a handshake while making eye contact. Subsequently, they completed water-friendly activities with their new friends!

Speaking of friends, October's character bucket trait at Whitehouse School is *friendliness*. Please support the children as they monitor their own *friendly* acts!

Warmly,  
Ann T. DeRosa, Ed.D.