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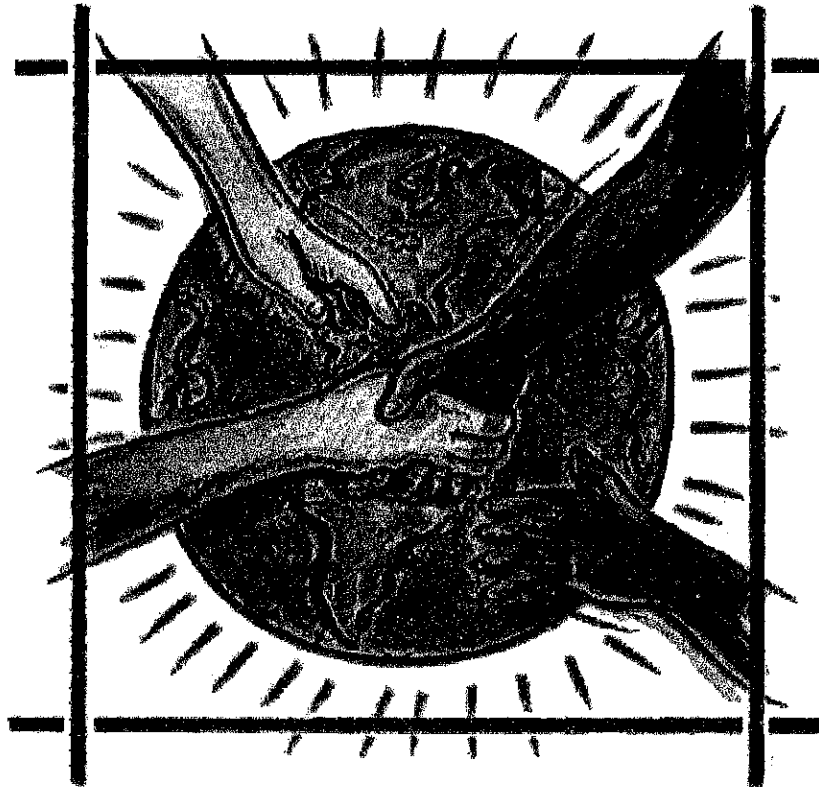
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Kiwanis K- Kids

2012- 2013 Essay Contest

Topic: Share examples of how you live the core values each day.

(Caring, Inclusiveness, Leadership, Character building)



Share examples of how you live the core value each day.

"As a K-Kid, I promise to serve my neighborhood and my school. I will show respect toward my environment and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live." *ref.*

Saying this pledge made me realize that I would have to live up to these words daily. The core values include caring, inclusiveness, leadership and character building. Here are a few ways in which I live the core values each day.

I show concern first of all for my appearance. I am neat and tidy every day, fully dressed in my uniform because I represent my school when I wear it. I also show concern for others by being compassionate when a friend's pet ran away or by sharing snacks with the new boy next door. I give food items to help others during thanksgiving because it can make a difference for another family during meal times. However, I am especially proud of myself when I complete chores without being told or assist my little brother with homework, when my mom is tired or pick up the trash in the neighbor's yard.

In order to make friends, one must follow the golden rule; "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Therefore, race or nationality does not matter to me. *ref.* God made us all and he loves us all the same. Besides, it is quite interesting to learn of another person's culture! To me, everyone is equal! ✓

As a prefect and deputy head boy, of the great Claridge Primary School, I patrol the school to ensure that everyone is safe and following the rules. However, I must first demonstrate that I too will follow the rules by being respectful to all adults, obeying the bell system and never littering. I must lead and set a good example if others are going to follow in my footsteps. ✓

Values that my parents have taught me such as being honest and polite, ensures that I stay on the right path. I am a leader, not a follower, therefore it does not matter what others say or do to steer me off course because I will always do what is right in any situation. I will always report a child who steals another child's pencil or a bully who demands or takes lunch money from younger students. This may not make me popular, but popularity isn't important to me because some students are popular for the wrong reasons. ✓

In conclusion, living the core values each day will guarantee recognition for being in the right clique with students who are caring, possess leadership qualities, include everyone despite differences and have continuous character building skills. This will help to make the world a better place. ✓

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K-Kids Essay Contest Entry

"My K-Kids Core Values"

by

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There are many ways I live the core values each day. Being caring and inclusive are two of the things I learned in my first year as a K-Kid. Most importantly, I learned that you succeed as a leader, not a follower. The K-Kids club has also taught me that having good character is the only way that people honestly appreciate you. K-Kids has become more than just a way for me to help others, it has become a way for me to become a better person.

Caring is a core value that we should all learn to live with. Caring is more than just being kind. It is showing that you are concerned. For example, I help others in math at my school when I understand that they are having trouble with the subject. I am also part of a school project known as "Bridges to Friendship" where we help autistic children in the REACH program with their interaction skills. Most importantly, we help kids in Vietnam learn English by being their pen pal. I never would have done any of these if I had not joined K-Kids.

Inclusiveness is so important because we all need to accept one another. No matter what the race, gender, or appearance, we should all accept one another. For example, I pick the shy and reserved kids for sports teams when I am team captain. I also try to stop kids when they are making fun of kids that are autistic or have other disabilities. There are times when everyone makes fun of one kid but there has to be people that stop this from happening by standing up for what is right.

Having a good character is very important. Nobody appreciates a showoff or anyone who always tries to start fights. Even though being "popular" is what most children desire, we must know that it never pays to do whatever it takes to be "popular." That is why I never try fighting others. Most importantly, I do not criticize others work or tell everything I know and brag. I have avoided these traits due to K-Kids.

The most important core value is leadership. Being a leader does not mean you boss others around. It just means to help others by guiding them and setting a good example. One thing I do to be a leader is volunteering at a soup kitchen and encouraging others to come and help the needy. I also lead the orchestra as concertmaster at my school. Leadership is a quality that everyone should understand and make it their goal to become a leader themselves.

Being a leader, having a good character and even being caring and inclusive are the core values we should follow. The only reason I can follow all of these is because of all the experiences I have had as a K-Kid. Following these core values and serving our neighborhood is the only way that we can make the world a better place in which to live.



The Core Values

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The following activities and projects were some of the many ways I have shown the core values:

The way I showed the core value of caring was in the month of October. This wasn't one of my own projects but we did it through K-Kids. We did the Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF fundraiser. We got a small box to contain the money we collected in. I went around my grandmother's neighborhood and mine as well and collected a huge amount of money for those in need. After about 2-3 weeks we turned in the box with our name on it. The sponsor of K-Kids, the Kiwanis Club, sent the boxes to a country that wasn't rich in food, clean water, school supplies, medication, and shelter. This impacted a lot of people and it showed the core value of caring.

The way I showed the core value of inclusiveness was last year. It all happened when I was at recess near the swings. That was when I saw a girl sitting on a swing with her head facing the ground. I knew that she was lonely and needed to be comforted. I then asked her for her name, which was Abby, and invited her to play with me. She replied with a head nod and we walked to the rock wall. She told me she was new to the school and that no one would play with her. Still today, I am her friend and that is how I showed the core value of inclusiveness.

The way I showed the core value of leadership was when I walked my younger sibling around the neighborhood with me to collect litter and help clean up the environment. We each got a garbage bag and walked around collecting litter from the ditches and on the sidewalks. We collected two garbage bags full of trash! That is a lot of litter! This project set a good example and showed the core value of leadership.

The way I showed the core value of character building was last year during December. It happened when my sister and I were playing around in the playroom at my home. I knocked a box down and it ripped. I was afraid I would get in trouble. I thought maybe I should try to hide it but decided my mother would get even more angry if I lied. When she came downstairs I told her that it was my fault and I apologized. Even though I thought it might be easier to lie, I told the truth because honesty is always best. That is how I showed the core value of character building.

All of these examples of activities and projects I did showed the 4 core values, which include caring, inclusiveness, leadership and character building. The Kiwanis K-Kids is a club which my membership in makes a difference in my life as well as others.