



## What you need to know!

### Program goals:

- Teach students how to establish and reach goals.
- Teach students about perseverance.
- Encourage peer mentoring.
- Teach students the Terrific Kids character traits and how practicing good character can help one achieve.
- Provide teachers with a tool to redirect negative student behavior.
- Provide teachers with a method to empower and motivate students.
- To recognize all students in the participating classroom by the end of the school year.

### Planning that must happen before the program begins:

*Meeting with the Kiwanis club volunteers, the principal and participating classroom teachers:*

#### Meeting Agenda

- Determine the classrooms participating
- Determine when students will be recognized and how they will be recognized
  - Party, luncheon celebration, program in the auditorium?
- Determine if the Kiwanis club will be providing additional mentoring
  - If yes, establish a mentoring schedule for each classroom
- Determine when Kiwanis volunteers will educate students about the program
  - Will the Kiwanis volunteer go from class to class
  - Will all participating classes meet in the auditorium to be educated?

*The goal setting activity should take place in each classroom.*

### Educating students:

*This is the responsibility of Kiwanis club volunteers. Students and parents must understand how to receive recognition*

The Kiwanis club schedules a time to visit each classroom and give 2 presentations.

- Presentation 1 - Explains Terrific Kids. A letter and parent flier is given to each student to take home.
- Presentation 2 - Explains how to select a goal. Goals are displayed at the front of the room and students are encouraged to help each other achieve goals. *A great peer mentoring tool.*

### Teacher involvement:

- Teachers track each student's progress. A chart is provided.
- Teachers use goals displayed at the front of the room to redirect negative behavior.
- Teachers provide names of students who have reached goals to the Kiwanis club.

- If a student doesn't reach his/her goal the teacher is asked to speak with the student and discuss why the goal wasn't achieved. A modified goal, or new goal is established for the student to work toward during the next grading period. *This is a lesson in perseverance.*
- If the Kiwanis club is scheduled to provide mentoring, the teacher is asked to allow Kiwanis club volunteers to visit class.
- The teacher is also asked to allow time for class members to attend the recognition event.

### **Key points**

- The Kiwanis club must meet with the school principal and teacher to determine program implementation as a first step.
- The Kiwanis club must take the lead in educating students about the program and in assisting students with establishing goals.
- Kiwanis volunteers, teachers, students and parents must all understand how recognition is achieved. Otherwise students misunderstand how to receive recognition and hurt feelings result.
- Students need to understand that if a goal isn't reached, another opportunity to achieve success is available. Failure to reach a goal is an opportunity to teach a student about perseverance.
- Every student in the classroom should be honored as a Terrific Kid before the end of the school year.