



## *The Six Pillars of Character*

### **trustworthiness**

Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country \*\* **BLUE: like 'True Blue'**

### **respect**

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements \*\* **GOLD: like the Golden Rule**

### **responsibility**

Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices \*\* **GREEN: as in being responsible for a garden or finances; or as in being solid and reliable like an oak**

### **fairness**

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly \*\* **ORANGE like dividing an orange into equal sections to share fairly with friends**

### **caring**

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need \*\* **RED: like a heart**

### **citizenship**

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment \*\* **PURPLE: as in the regal purple representing the state**

