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"Together we Share, Discover, Create, and Achieve"

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Dear Pine Grove School Community,

Here at Pine Grove School, we believe that character is "Who You Are" and "How You Act". As a school, we strive to build a community that shows kindness for everyone, respect for all, and compassion for others. Throughout the year, we will concentrate on the six pillars of character: Citizenship, Fairness, Caring, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, and Respect.

Today, during our Town Meeting, the Principal and Assistant Principal talked about what it looks like to be a good citizen at Pine Grove School. Students had a chance to think about different scenarios and what might be ways to handle them using good citizenship. This month the Pine Grove School Community will develop a deeper understanding of the Citizenship pillar. We will be recognizing and defining citizenship as:

Respecting other people and their property

- Being a good friend and neighbor
- Being a good listener
- Working hard
- Being open minded
- Using good manners
- Being optimistic
- Being honest

The following picture books with citizenship themes will be read and discussed in class:

Grade	Book Title
K	<i>One Smile</i> by Cindy McKinley
1	<i>What if Everybody Did That?</i> by Ellen Javernick.
2	<i>Same, Same but Different</i> by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw
3	<i>We Share One World</i> by Jane E. Hoffelt
4	<i>Melissa Parkington's Beautiful, Beautiful Hair</i> by Pat Brisson

We invite you to be an active part of developing the Pine Grove School Community by asking your children about the books listed above and what it means to be a good citizen. You could also look for the following books to read with your children and discuss aspects of citizenship that you find together: *My Mouth is a Volcano* by Julia Cook and *Do Unto Otters* by Laurie Keller. We appreciate your support in promoting character education at Pine Grove School!

Sincerely,
The Character Education Committee