



**Principal Points by Mike Callahan**

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**W**hat affects our children most? It's usually not the big things. Instead, the small, consistent actions repeated over and over have the greatest impact. James Baldwin once said, "Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."

As educators and parents, we are models for our children's character. Each action we take is a powerful lesson for our kids about the kind of people they should be. The book, Children of Character, by S.C. Reuben, 1997, sites these ways we can positively influence our children by our own actions.

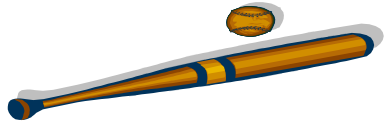
- When we make goals** for ourselves, and are conscientious about our work, we are showing children that these things are important.
- When we help** our child with a project, even when the alternatives for us are more appealing, we teach our children that promises matter.
- When we spend time cleaning** up a park or making homemade treats for a neighbor, we show our concern for the environment and those around us.
- When we leave a note** after bumping a car in a parking lot, we teach our child that honesty is important even when no one is looking.
- When we give** to charity, we teach our children that it's important to give to others.
- When we spend time listening** to others, without blame, we help our children understand there are many sides to each story, and we teach patience, understanding and compassion.

Actions do, in fact, speak louder than words. The pattern of our actions certainly models the behavior we will see in our children. I hope this does not sound "preachy," but simply some thoughts to emphasize how important modeling really is.

- Dates to Remember**
- Feb. 22—T.C. Bear visits: Wear your MN Twins gear or Red, White, and Blue
- Feb. 29—Sweat it out with a good book: Wear your sweatpants and sweatshirts
- Mar. 7 NO SCHOOL Staff workshop
- Mar. 10—14 SPRING BREAK



**Thanks to You and Your Children...**  
we were able to raise \$944.83 for our Pennies for Patients charity. Way to go KH families!



T.C. Bear of the MN Twins will be here on Feb. 22. Be sure to wear your Twins gear!

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**P.E. NEWS**

Students are currently participating in a stunts and tumbling unit which focuses on balancing, rolls, and safe stunts. As part of this unit, we are also doing some fun team building activities.

On March 26, we will begin our rollerskating unit. To help pay for the equipment rental the cost will be \$7 per child. Roller-skating money can be turned in any time before March 26. Please make checks payable to Kenneth Hall Elementary. I will be sending a letter home with your child next week, with more rollerskating information.

We are still in need of volunteers for Mileage Club, which will begin in late March during recess. If you are able to help out, please contact the main office.

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