

Students throughout FBISD are learning about character building through a weekly series of character-building lessons. Each lesson provides a **Home Link** and a **Community Link** to reinforce the daily classroom lesson. The **Home Link** is designed to foster meaningful communication among family members.

The **Community Link** is a proactive tool designed to heighten good character awareness and promote socially responsible behavior in the community. Each week focuses on the character quality presented in our elementary schools and provides ideas for your consideration.

The Community Link

This week, our students are focusing on the quality of **PATRIOTISM**. They are learning:

- Different ways people can show patriotism
- The story behind America's National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Why some special dates in history are celebrated as patriotic holidays

Please take the time to consider what this good character quality means to your own group or organization by sharing the following:

PATRIOTISM

means to feel and show deep respect and loyalty to one's country.

Consider using this Community Link with your employees, membership or organization whenever possible.

What You Can Do!

- Encourage the youth in the community to participate in patriotic programs. Take the time to watch a patriotic performance or program.
- The next time you recite the Pledge of Allegiance, think about each sentence. Encourage the youth in the community to really think about the words and what they mean when they recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Select a famous patriot from our country's past, and think about how their contribution or sacrifice has made your life in the United States better today. Can you think of a modern day patriot that could have the same impact? Share your knowledge with a youth in our community.
- Post This Quote by Henry James "*I think patriotism is like charity — it begins at home.*"
- Remember to vote in the next election and encourage others in your group to do the same.

Integrate this principle of **PATRIOTISM** in your organization as often as possible.

