

## **Beaufort County School District**

### **Character Education Program**

The Beaufort County School District's Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts in developing good character in their children. The school's counselors identified a list of good character traits that focus on the attitudes and personal qualities that are essential for success in life. In addition to this program, a student from each school in Beaufort County will be selected as Character Education Student of the Month. The student selected will then compete for Beaufort County Character Education Student of the Month and will be recognized by the superintendent at the first School Board Meeting of each month, with the Bluffton finalist being announced and recognized at the monthly Bluffton Town Council meeting.

#### **Ten Principles of Effective Character Education**

- ❖ Promotes core ethical and performance values
- ❖ Teaches students to understand, care about, and act upon these core values
- ❖ Provides opportunities for moral action
- ❖ Supports academic achievement
- ❖ Develops intrinsic motivation
- ❖ Includes whole staff involvement
- ❖ Requires positive leadership of staff and students
- ❖ Involves parents and community members
- ❖ Assesses results and strives to improve

<b>Word List</b>	<b>Month</b>
<b>Friendship/kindness</b>	August
<b>Acceptance</b>	September
<b>Courage/Tolerance</b>	October
<b>Respect/Gratitude</b>	November
<b>Compassion</b>	December
<b>Perseverance</b>	January
<b>Honesty/Integrity</b>	February
<b>Self-Control</b>	March
<b>Forgiveness</b>	April
<b>Responsibility/Cooperation</b>	May