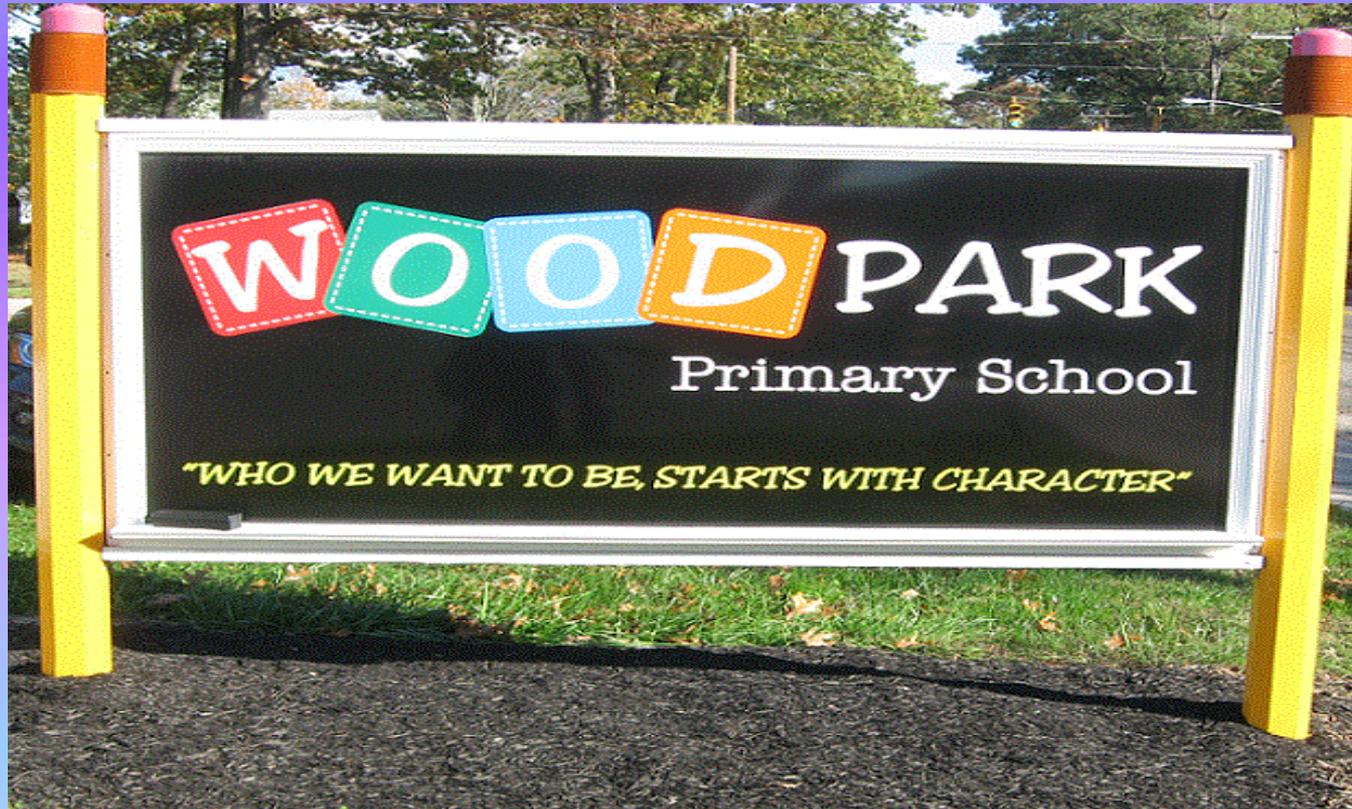


# Character Education



# Our Philosophy

Here at Wood Park we pride ourselves on sharing the ideals of good Character Education. As we help mold the lives of our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, it is our mission to provide our students with a successful learning experience, and to instill a core foundation of integrity, civic virtue, and leadership within each of them.

# *The Leader in Me*

- As a part of developing good character, the students and staff at Wood Park have adopted the seven habits and leadership philosophies of the late Stephen Covey and his son, Sean Covey. Using the habits, we have built a foundation of character initiatives that instill leadership skills among our students. We have learned to be responsible, set goals, prioritize, be fair, listen before we speak, work together, care for our bodies, and help others.

# Get in the Habit...

The *7 Habits* are not how we live, they are what we live.

- Habit 1 - Be Proactive (You're in Charge)
- Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind (Have a Plan)
- Habit 3 - Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)
- Habit 4 - Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)
- Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)
- Habit 6 - Synergize (Together Is Better)
- Habit 7 - Sharpen The Saw (Balance Feels Best)

# Our Leadership Mission

As you explore the hallways and classrooms of Wood Park please "look out" for...

- **Class Mission Statements** - Each class has created their own unique pledge to show character, that is exhibited outside each classroom. Our Mission Statements help to create unity and harmony within our school.
- **Leaders of the Week/Month** - Many classes honor students for showing leadership. In the future, we hope to honor these students at our upcoming PTA meetings.
- **"Get in the Habit" Leadership Board** - To show how our students at Wood Park "get in the habit," a bulletin board in our main hallway flaunts pictures of various classes and students living the 7 Habits!
- **Habit Posters** - Hanging throughout the building are posters displaying *The 7 Habit Tree* and *The Seven Little Habits Poem* written by one of our Wood Park teachers - Mrs. Gromalski.

# Looking ahead...

- Throughout the year, the students will participate in Character Education Assemblies revolving around the 7 Habits.
- Throughout the school year, each class is gifted with a new picture book reinforcing the importance of having and showing good character.

"Leadership and learning are  
indispensable to each other." -  
John F. Kennedy