





The Space Center Rotary Club
proudly sponsors and presents the
EarlyAct FirstKnight Character Education
Program Knighting Ceremony

Celebrating This Month's Virtue of "Respect"

November 29, 2012
Our 1st Monthly Knighting Ceremony of this school year
at
Whitcomb Elementary School

<u>Respect:</u> One of the ways true knights were distinguished from armored wannabes was the respect they showed to others. Engrained through the oversight of cultured mentors, respect was taught as the art of putting others before yourself and treating them as you would want to be treated. It is still true that those who embrace this rule always earn the highest honors.



Congratulations.....



The Space Center Rotary Club congratulates you for having a student selected to be honored at this month's EarlyAct FirstKnight Character Education Program's Knighting Ceremony.

Please visit our website at www.spacecenterrotary.org or call Marilyn Musial at 281.333.8585.

Our Space Center Rotarians are very proud to sponsor this outstanding character education program at Whitcomb Elementary which is currently only one of fourteen campuses in Harris, and the surrounding eight counties, which have EAFK at their school. The children are the future leaders of this community and we are very excited about continuing a tradition of service here.

EAFK IS BUILDING TOMORROW□S LEADERS TODAY DURING THE MOST FORMATIVE YEARS OF THEIR LIVES.

Based on the theme of gallant knights and Rotarian values, EarlyAct FirstKnight is a curriculum-based character education program for elementary and middle schools that teaches students how to become noble, service-oriented people along with why it is important for them to do so. EAFK can only be sponsored by a Rotary club, and the Space Center Rotary is very proud to be funding the costs for EAFK at Whitcomb Elementary School.

Each month, the students will focus on one EAFK character virtue, and at the monthly Knighting Ceremony, one student from each classroom will be selected to be honored. EAFK is amazingly effective, with 100% of participating schools crediting the program with significantly increased academic scores, decreased behavioral issues, more teaching time and happier faculties and parents.

36 out of 50 states in America have now enacted legislation that either mandates or strongly encourages character education in public schools. This is because people are beginning to realize that the traditional values, ethics and civility that define a great society are increasingly eroding among children today. Our future, therefore, depends upon reversing this trend on a broad scale. EAFK provides Space Center Rotary Club with an effective solution to the problem by bringing excellent character, morals and ethics to the forefront of public school classrooms, right alongside math, science and social studies. Combining strong academics, Rotarian mentorship, and live-action motivational support, EAFK is building tomorrow's leaders today during the most formative years of their lives.



EarlyAct FirstKnight Knighting Ceremony

Introduction: Principal Mark Smith Space Center Rotary Welcome: Marilyn Musial

Knighting Ceremony One at 8:20 AM

Kindergarten

Alyssa Pullen, Daniel Melendez, Brody Lovel, Flo Ganoza, Ashley Ho-Sam-Sooi

First Grade

Aizah Manboob, Santino "Sonny" Cook, Logan Johnson, Dylan Sanchez, Kaelyn Guevara, Jaylin Tutor

Second Grade

Baneti 'Bennis'' Snyder DeBoer, Kaleigh Oberg, Brooklynn Ochoa, Neela Chacrabarty, Marissa Papich, Anthony Lopez



Knighting Ceremony Two at 9:00 AM

Third Grade

Karen Canas, Mia Lewis, Amber Derousselle, Chase McCay, Mahlia Cunningham

Fourth Grade

Jasmine Cook, Emily Chambliss, Natalie Whiddon, Chelsey Gatson, Ibrihim Siddique

Fifth Grade

Taylor Silva, Elanina Marquez, Muhammad Talha Hashmi, Natalie Silva, Megan Green



The <u>Space Center Rotary Club</u> would like to welcome you to the First EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK) Program at Whitcomb Elementary

The 10 virtues of the EAFK curriculum:

Tolerance Responsibility Confidence Service
Perseverance Friendliness Respect Discipline
Compassion Honesty

What is the Space Center Rotary Club? We are business, professional and community leaders connecting to make a difference in our community, and beyond! We're a friendly and energetic Rotary club which was chartered in August of 1964. As Rotarians we share our time, our talents, our resources, and we are at our best when we use Rotary for the purpose of sharing our individual passions for the betterment of our community, and our world.

We invite you to find out how Rotary shares your passion and commitment. Visitors are always welcomed at meetings which are held every Monday from 12 Noon until 1:00 PM at Bay Oaks Country Club in Clear Lake. We invite you to attend a weekly meeting!



Of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary's 4-Way Test - One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is Rotary's 4-Way Test. Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created the 4-Way Test in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of a Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which had over 250 employees. With \$400,000 in debt, and facing bankruptcy with \$400,000, Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test

became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with vendors and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. In 5 years, Taylor paid off the \$400,000 of debt, with interest, and distributed one million dollars in dividends to stockholders, in spite of the continuing Great Depression. Whitcomb Elementary students can recite it from memory! Encourage them to share it with you.

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