

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

*Celebrating This Month's
Virtue of "Compassion"*

March 21, 2013

*Our 3rd Knighting Ceremony of this school year
at
Whitcomb Elementary School*

Compassion: Deeds of kindness are never wasted on anyone. Charles Spurgeon once said, "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble."



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*

Knighting Ceremony One at 8:20 AM

Kindergarten

*Madison McRee, Hillary Allsbrook, Matthew Cook,
Abigail Lawler, Jacob Quigley*

First Grade

*Jovani Johnson Moran, Christopher Cook,
Saraih Carranza, Angelique Beaujon
Braidon Garcia, Preston Blancas*

Second Grade

*Mia Pesina, Marisa Swindull, Evan Wells
Jenna Bubenik, Katherine Taylor, Zachary Genereau*



Knighting Ceremony Two at 9:00 AM

Third Grade

*Ethan Hoff, Haylie Pryor, Anna Atkinson
Aneesha Varkey, Madeline John*

Fourth Grade

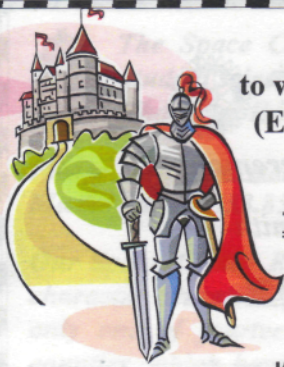
*Jade Taylor, Kayli Hurd, Bailey Small
Braeden Blackburn, Elizabeth Welles*

Fifth Grade

*Christian Gochnour, Brenna Rinehart, Emalee Tolar,
Isabella Perez, Roland Bland Jr., Marco Cordova*

Space Center Rotary Conclusion: *Marifyn Musial*





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

The 10 virtues of the EAFK curriculum:

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| Tolerance | Responsibility | Confidence | Service |
| Perseverance | Friendliness | Respect | Discipline |
| | Compassion | Honesty | |

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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!

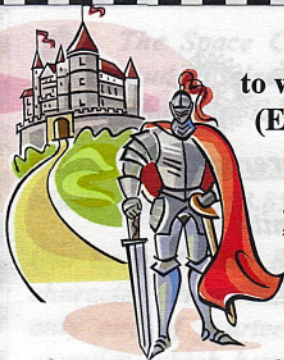


Of the things we think, say or do

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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