

## Board-wide Action

### Growing with Character in the Community ...

#### About the program ...

To increase awareness of its character development program, the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board created a DVD presentation entitled *Growing with Character in the Community*. The presentation includes examples of the four essential elements from the [Finding Common Ground](#) character development framework document: learning and achievement, respect for diversity, citizenship development and parent and community partnerships. Copies of the DVD have been distributed to all schools to be shown to staff and students to support their respective character development programs. In addition, the presentation has been shown and used for discussions with municipalities throughout the district, as well as various community groups.

#### Character Mural at Deseronto P.S. ...



#### Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- The Growing with Character attributes of caring, cooperation, honesty, humour, integrity, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness are being integrated into the board's policies, practices, programs and interactions.
- The Growing with Character attributes are displayed throughout school and board locations and included in school and system communications.
- Students, staff and parents are becoming increasingly knowledgeable about the various ways that their schools are engaging students in character development initiatives.
- Community groups are becoming increasingly aware of the Growing with Character attributes and are expressing an interest in collaborating on various character development initiatives.



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