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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 1st quarter of 2023-2024 school year concludes, I want to share some exciting events happening in our Elementary School.

C-FC staff believe that students are more than just a test score. For the past 3 years teachers have been working on identifying what this means for our elementary students – the Portrait of a Pirate. One aspect is student character, and we have expanded and defined Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn to incorporate the values we believe in for our students and school community.

This year we are putting these values into our everyday experience. In our Elementary each morning our students participate in discussions and activities centered around these values. Students set personal goals for what they individually need; staff give weekly student shout out’s for achieving their goals or exemplifying that value; a student in each class is recognized for their individual accomplishments with bi-monthly rewards with Mrs. McKay; and our school community celebrates our student progress each quarter. All C-FC staff have been reinforcing, reminding, and reteaching so these values are part of our students’ everyday life.

Our first Portrait of a Pirate whole-school celebration for students was on November 1. We have seen personal growth in each of our students, in academics and character, and are excited to acknowledge their hard work and successes.

We have also modified our Elementary report cards to reflect the character values in our “Portrait of a Pirate”. Please review these with your child and their teacher during parent-teacher conferences next week. A preview is on the reverse side. (A reminder that Parent-Teacher conferences are next week, November 7 and 9 from 3:30-7:30).

Thank you for supporting your child’s education. We look forward to working with you to continue to develop the positive character in our young Pirates!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sue McKay
Elementary Principal





Cochrane-Fountain City Elementary
Portrait of a Pirate

Character

Respectful

- We act and communicate politely and respectfully with ourselves and others, even if others have differences.
- We work and play cooperatively.
- We respect the learning of ourselves and others by not interrupting and by listening attentively.

Responsible

- We show integrity by having the courage to do the right thing.
- We are honest and truthful.
- We understand and communicate appropriately when we feel frustrated.

Ready to Learn

- We do our best work and complete assigned tasks by following directions and expectations.
- We persevere by not giving up and keep trying through difficulties.
- We show self-discipline with our words and actions.