

## **Make Your Day Count Parent Information**

### **Why do our school and several other schools in our district use the MYD program?**

#### **Why do more schools request to use the program each year?**

- To use an athletic term, we are raising the bar to better meet the students' needs so that we increase their probability of success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- The way we taught students when you and I were in school may have met our needs, but it will not meet the needs of the students in the year 2000 and beyond.

#### **The goals of the MYD Program are as follows:**

- To provide a uniform discipline and citizenship program in grades K-8.
- To provide a uniform language concern discipline in grades K-8.
- To provide an integrated life skills, character education and problem-solving program K-8.
- To provide a program that teaches students to solve problems at the lowest level and encourages them to speak up for themselves when others interfere with their learning, safety or well-being.
- To provide a system that promotes communication and personal involvement with the school and the parents.
- To provide a system that empowers all school personnel with the knowledge and the skills to interact with all students in a consistent and fair manner.
- To improve the quality and quantity of student learning day in and day out.
- To provide opportunity for students to monitor and evaluate their behavior.

#### **Is there a lot of tattling going on?**

- Tattling occurs in all elementary schools. We discourage it and teach students the difference between tattling and expressing helpful concerns relative to learning, safety, and well-being.

#### **Do the points and concerns take a lot of time from the instructional day?**

- Yes, it does take some time but it is also instructional time of a different kind. When we do points and concerns, we are teaching character education, life skills, and problem-solving in real life situations. While other schools may devote specific times each week to character education, life skills, and problem-solving, many times the lessons are not integrated with the curriculum or real life. Teachers across the district who use the Make Your Day Citizenship Program state they have more time to teach, not less.