

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

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Integrity

May's virtue is integrity. Turning Winds' definition is: understanding and accepting one's own strengths and weaknesses by being true to one's own self. As students progress through Turning Winds' program they learn and apply integrity to their own lives.

To Have Integrity

To have integrity
Gives yourself a positive identity
To create a new philosophy
In which possibly
The best thing for you and me
Is to have integrity
But you may ask why
In order to verify
So we can come together as a tribe
With a brand new vibe
To describe
This great virtue
For you
To come through
For us to pursue
A new meaning in life
To settle all this trife
Without a giant knife
So in order to have integrity
Just be honest in life and get ready
To go on this adventure steady
-Cody, Sam, Andrew



May Activities

Throughout the month of May, there have been many enjoyable activities. Some of these activities included Hacky-Sack, Gatorball, "The Wizard of Oz" tryouts, cheerleading cheer off, and a guest speaker from the Yaak Forest

Counsel. We enjoyed Hacky-sack and Gatorball the most out of all these activities.

Hacky-Sack is a new addition to the games of Turning Winds. It consists of a small felt ball filled with beads, which gets kicked from player to player. The object of the game is to keep it in the air as long as possible.

Gatorball, a fun pastime of Turning Winds has been the favorite P.C. game for quite sometime. Gatorball is similar to soccer except you have the option of kicking up the ball to yourself or a fellow player. After you acquire the ball in your hands you may run or pass, but as soon as a player of the opposite team tags you. You must then drop the ball.

As we have said, there are many enjoyable activities that Turning Winds provides for us. We learn a lot from our guest speakers, we enjoy getting exercise playing sports and we have fun being in one another's company.
-David, Nick, Jason



Integrity

Everyone tells lies, and everyone makes mistakes. Real character comes to the surface when these situations arise. A struggle that every person has is to incorporate integrity into their daily lives. A boy who never gains the trust he truly wants, a girl who always lies and has a sick feeling in the pit of her stomach all the time, or the person who faces a difficult choice and does not have the courage to say no. They all have not introduced integrity into their lives.

Imagine what it is like to not trust yourself to go through life never knowing what you will fall for. It must be gusty to not have the trust of family members or friends. With integrity you gain trust and respect from people in your life. You will be secure in knowing that you will always tell the truth and do the right thing in all situations.

How can you feel good about yourself if your life is a web of lies? The sick feeling in your stomach following you around with every decision you make, your conscience constantly screaming in your head. You feel insecure with yourself all because you can not have integrity. You feel so much better about yourself when you're honest.

That dream life you want can not exist if you can not see right from wrong. How do you expect to choose the right path? Standing strong in what you believe in will make or break your success. Integrity helps you make choices that get you to the places you want to be.

It is clear that integrity is a strong life value. It takes a strong person to tell the truth and do the right thing when the world pulls you the other way. But the person you will become will live to be successful.

-Kaitlyn, Mindy and Regan



Random Questions

- What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?
Cody C—Chocolate covered ants
Brittany—Lasagna mixed with peanut butter, Oreos and ice cream
- If you could be any cartoon character what would you be?
Cameron—Tasmanian devil
Kendall—Angelica (Rugrats)
- If you could star in a movie what would it be?
Jon—Star Wars
Nikki—Harry Potter
- If you could invent something what would it be?
David—Hover board
Rachel—Time machine
- If you could spend a day with any celebrity who would it be?
Mindy—Channing Tatum

Jason W—Chuck Norris

- If you could be one age for the rest of your life what would it be?
Regan—21
Brad—11

-Irene, Abby, Jenna

Yaak School Tutoring

As graduates we go on fieldtrips. In my eyes going to the Yaak elementary school is one of the best. The school is five miles away and has only five students that attend it. The students really look forward to our monthly visits and enjoy the activities that we bring. Each month we visit the school and teach the kids how to do things. This month we taught the students how to make paper airplanes. We then taught them how to calculate how fast they can fly. We then let them apply this knowledge and they were able to calculate how fast they could run. Following our educational activity we enjoyed a snack of Oreos and juice. We then played a rousing game of kick ball.

This fieldtrip was really fun for me because I love to hang out with little kids. It also made me appreciate all that I have.

-Brad

TW ACTIVITIES

The guys love Hacky-Sack

Work projects builds character

All the TRECies have gone through their training

Counseling is sweet

The girls love volleyball

Integrity is the virtue of the month

Victory in Gatorball makes me feel real good

I want to tell you how a lady from the Yaak Forest Counsel gave a presentation

Thursdays we get a reward for good behavior

I wish you a Happy Mothers Day

Everyone loved the "Seussical"

Solar Cookers

-Brad, James