

VALUES MATTER MIAMI

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FAIRNESS: Treating people impartially not playing favorites, being open-minded, and maintaining an objective attitude towards those whose actions and ideas are different from our own.

Fairness

When fairness is emphasized, everybody wins. Teaching fairness ensures that everyone plays by the same rules and has an opportunity to succeed. If we treat others the way we want to be treated, then fairness will become a lifelong practice for our students. Now more than ever, values matter and now more than ever, educators need to be aware of the importance of teaching fairness.

December is the time of year when we are nostalgic about the end of an old year, and hopeful about the beginning of a new one. End 2017 by helping your students eliminate practices that undermine fairness. Have each class brainstorm an unfair practice that they would like to replace with a fair practice in the coming year. Use the adage, "out with the old and in with the new," to generate thoughtful discussion and planning.

December is also the time of year when we have good will toward each other. Choose to do something nice for someone. Whether the action is big or small, doing something nice for someone brings joy to both the giver and the receiver. Perhaps you might consider hosting a multicultural day where food, art, books and games from around the world are introduced to the entire student body. Students from different cultural groups will get an opportunity to share their culture, and to enjoy the unique cultures of others in the school community. This activity is a great way to teach tolerance and create safe spaces for our students to grow and learn. However you choose to make values matter in your school, celebrate the season by making fairness a priority.



Congratulations

Fairness School of the Year 2016-2017

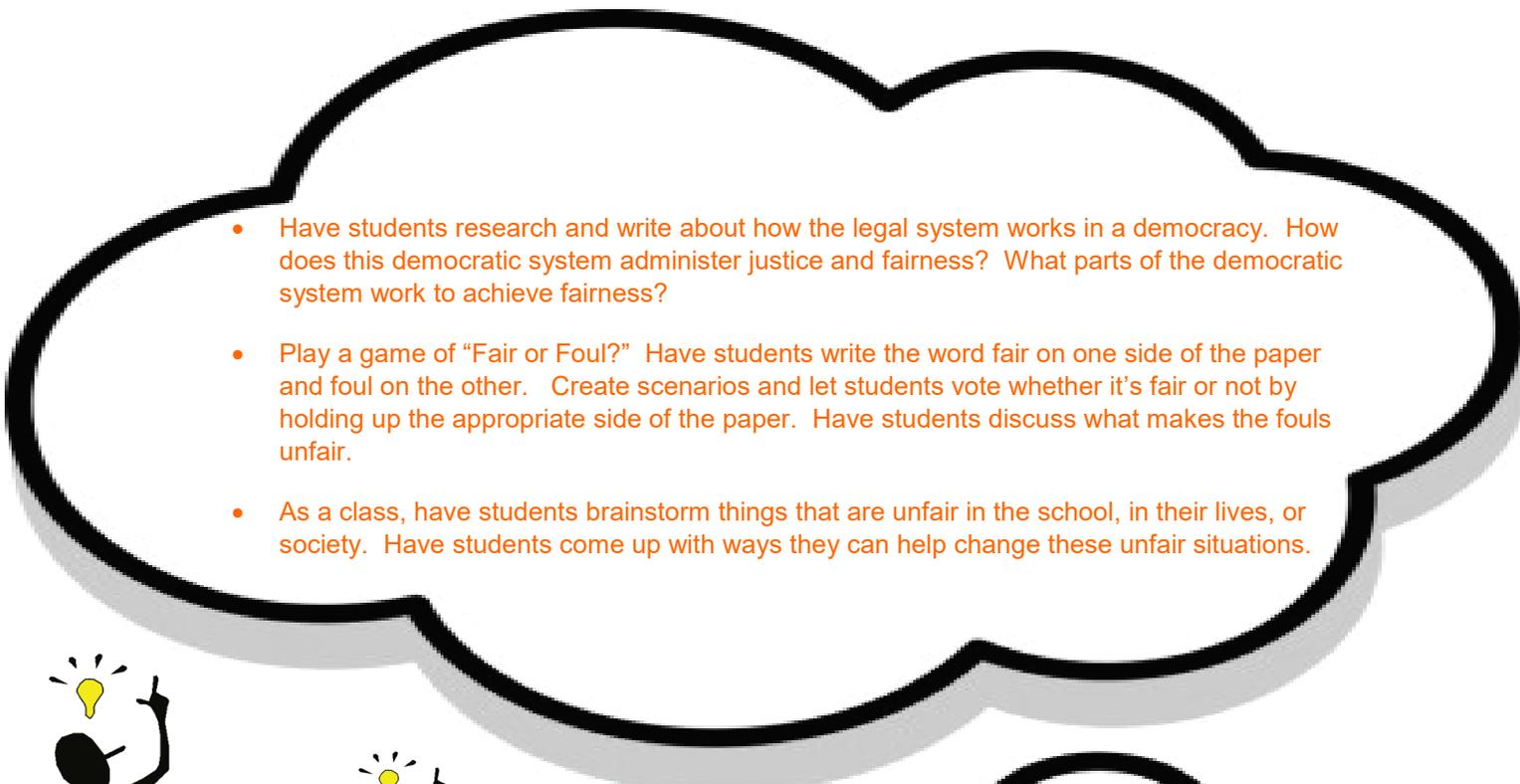
William H. Turner Technical Arts High School prides itself on promoting fairness. Fairness is infused into their school's vision and they have implemented reward programs like "Teacher Kudos", "Eagle Handshakes", and "Do The Right Thing" as a way to reinforce fair behavior in the school.

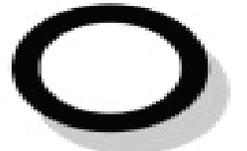
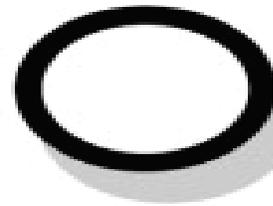


- World AIDS Day - December 1
- International Day of People with Disabilities - December 3
- International Volunteer Day - December 5
- Human Rights Day - December 10
- New Year's Eve - December 31



Idea CORNER

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- Have students research and write about how the legal system works in a democracy. How does this democratic system administer justice and fairness? What parts of the democratic system work to achieve fairness?
 - Play a game of “Fair or Foul?” Have students write the word fair on one side of the paper and foul on the other. Create scenarios and let students vote whether it’s fair or not by holding up the appropriate side of the paper. Have students discuss what makes the fouls unfair.
 - As a class, have students brainstorm things that are unfair in the school, in their lives, or society. Have students come up with ways they can help change these unfair situations.



- Use the [Walk a Mile in My Shoes](#) template to discuss fairness and create a door or bulletin board with this theme.
- Discuss the rules for fighting fair as a way to resolve conflicts peacefully. Discuss why the fouls could cause the conflict to escalate.
- Discuss rules that you want your students to follow regarding fairness. Create a poster together, decorate it, and put it up in the classroom. Refer to the rules often so they will be reinforced
- Stack ten pennies, next to that stack two nickels, then place one dime next to the two stacks. Begin by discussing the fact that although each set of coins looks different, they all have the same value. This is the same with people, we may look different on the outside, but we are all of equal value and deserve fair treatment.

Great Reminder for Children: **Fairness is ...**

- Treat others the way they want to be treated.
- Take turns and share.
- Play by the rules.
- Think about how their actions will affect others.
- Listen to others with an open mind.
- Don't blame others for their mistakes.

Rules for Fighting Fair

1 Identify the problem.

2 Focus on the problem.

3 Attack the problem, not the person.

4 Listen with an open mind.

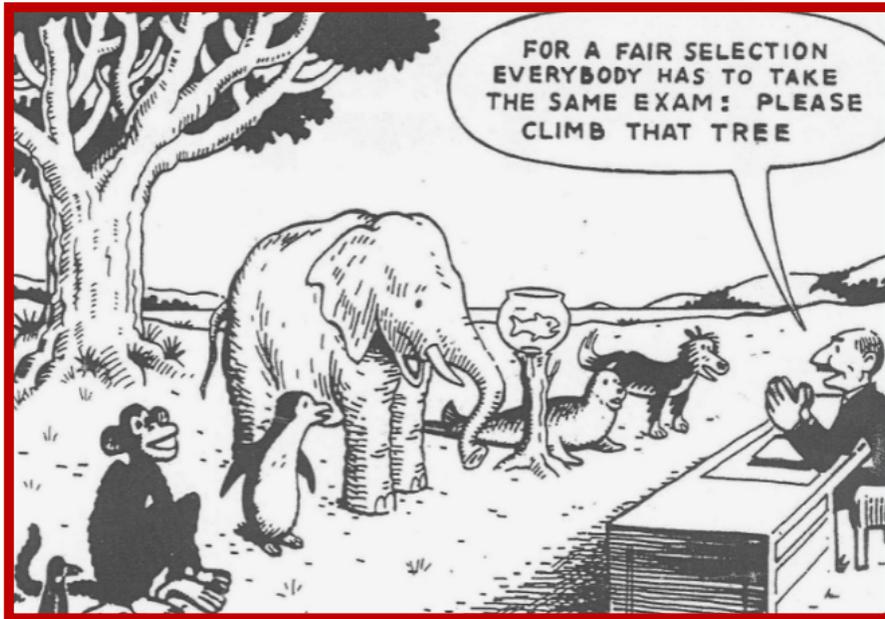
5 Treat a person's feelings with respect.

6 Take responsibility for your actions.

Fouls

- Name calling
- Blaming
- Sneering
- Not listening
- Getting even
- Bringing up the past
- Threats
- Pushing
- Hitting
- Put-downs
- Bossing
- Making excuses
- Not taking responsibility





FAIR ISN'T
 everybody getting the
 same thing.....

FAIR IS
 everybody getting
 what they need
 IN order to be
SUCCESSFUL.

Congratulations!

Values Matter Miami Fairness Winners 2016-2017

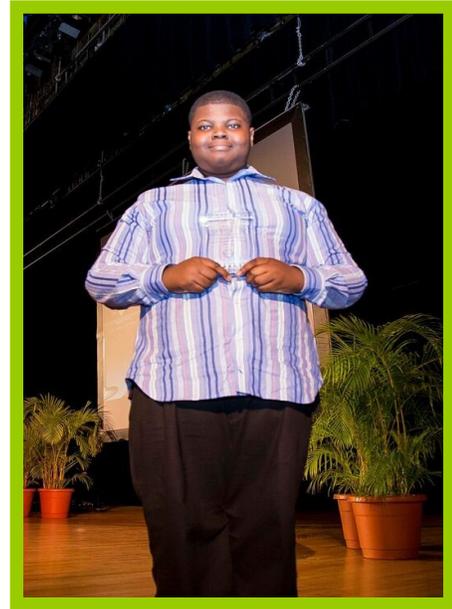


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Elementary Student Winner

Chabely Perez

M.A. Milam K-8 Center



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Secondary Student Winner

Malik Pierrelus

Robert Renick Educational Center



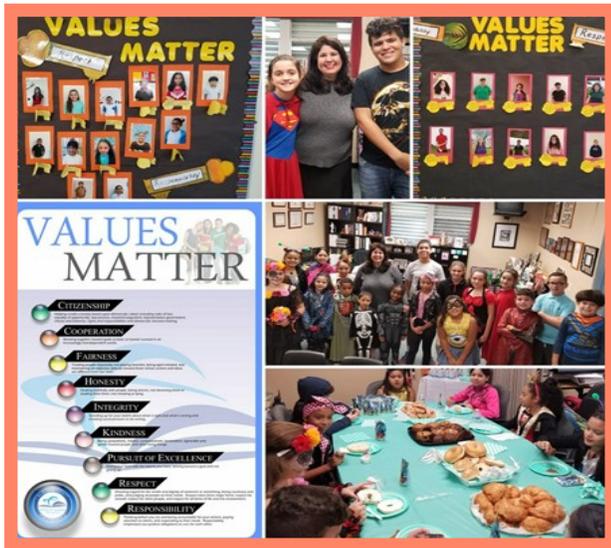
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Staff Winner Ms. Ana Alberdi

Mandarin Lakes K-8 Academy



Values Matter Miami in Action November 2017



Henry S. West Laboratory School



North Twin Lake Elementary



Broadmoor Elementary



Arcola Lake Elementary



Dr. Manuel C. Barreiro Elementary



Milam K-8 Center