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Copy and paste the following text to share with parents...

Caring is being kind, helpful and generous to everyone. Caring people are not selfish; they are considerate and always think about how their conduct affects others. They have compassion and empathy; they care how others feel and they are charitable and forgiving. They do good deeds without thought of reward.

Model caring behavior for your children...

- * Offer your help to those in need
- * Involve your children in writing thank you and get well cards
- * Share why caring for others is important to you
- * Perform random acts of kindness on a regular basis!

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Character Education Grant

The Arizona Character Education Foundation Spring Grant applications are **due April 10th**. Schools can receive up to \$5000.

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Character Connections

CARING / CITIZENSHIP

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Engaging students in volunteering is a powerful way to apply what they've learned about good character. It's character in action! In fact, teaching students about the importance of volunteering is not only good *character* education, it's a performance objective in the Arizona Social Studies Standards! See [Social Studies Strand 1, Concept 4 - Grades K-12](#)

For more information on service learning and community service projects for students, see links below:

Mesa Service Learning - Service Project Ideas and Information!
 Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
 Hands On Greater Phoenix
 Volunteer Match
 Learn and Serve

Random Acts of Kindness Week - February 9-15th

Click [HERE](#) for classroom activities and lessons to celebrate!

President's Day - February 16th

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