

Mikayla :
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Character Counts

Dear Mayor,

My name is Mikayla Gear and I am fourteen years old. I go to Parker Junior High School. At Parker, we follow the Character Counts pillars, and I think if our whole town followed the pillars, then we would make our town better for kids or even for everyone!

I think the main pillar that the town should use the most is Citizenship. Citizenship is being a good neighbor, getting involved with community affairs, helping the environment, and cooperating with the town and its rules. These things are not hard to do, and I think this could make our town more successful.

Being a good neighbor has a lot to do with the personality of the town. Being a good neighbor is like the Golden Rule; treat other the way you want to be treated. Neighbors are the big thing in a town. They are friends, and maybe even family if you're really close. If you communicate with your neighbors nicely and gratefully, this will make our town more communal and friendly.

Getting involved in community affairs is a great way to create a positive atmosphere in our town. If people would organize committees for things like giving homeless people shelters and food, and raising funds for community events. These committees could help lots of people in the town, including the people that are treated

unfairly. The homeless could actually live somewhere for a while, eat good foods, etc., because of the caring people in our general public. Some ideas I have for fundraisers are fundraisers for the less fortunate kids, cancer walks, and more festivals. This could be a good way to make more money for the association.

The last thing I'd like to talk about is helping the environment. This is one of the biggest problems we have. The environment has had some immeasurable changes. The few things we could do to help this from increasing in our area, is to get involved with clean-up committees, planting trees and flowers around your area, and car-pooling with your friends, family and neighbors. Cleaning up trash in the parks and around the schools and neighborhoods helps the environment get cleaner and not get affected by pollution as much. Planting trees and flowers helps reduce global warming by 'cleaning the air'. If we do this, it will help clean the air! Car-pooling is also a great way to decrease gas polluting the air. Air pollution is one of the top 10 global warming issues and I think it's time to stop it around our town, because it's not safe!

Being a good neighbor, getting involved in community events and helping the environment are some of the things I do at the school, which make us a civilized bunch. If we work on these things as a town, we can make our community successful! So let's try it!