

All about the Gentlemen's Ball

Burr Oak School hosted its 2nd Annual Gentlemen's Ball on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at Burr Oak Elementary School. The event included Dinner with Formal Dance, Crowning of the King and Queen of Character Education, and special student performances. It also provided an opportunity for students to practice the lessons learned.

The Gentlemen's Ball celebrates the character education program for all Burr Oak students. It highlights the mentoring component, through which the staff strives to foster caring young people. Good character is taught through an emphasis on universal values that we all share. It is the intentional, proactive effort of Burr Oak Elementary school to instill in our students the important core ethical values, such as respect for self and others, responsibility, integrity and self-discipline.

The high moment of the evening was the crowning of the Character Education King, Jordan Wells and Queen, Robin Folk. Their selection was based on their outstanding character traits.

Other students shared how the program changed their understanding and behavior so that they now value such traits as honesty, respect, and responsibility. The talented Serenity Johnson provided great pleasure for the audience as she sang a variety of songs.

Mr. Ronald Harris, the Director of Character Education was "pleased to see the results of the seeds planted in the students through the Character Education program bear such good fruit and the huge attendance at the event."

Ms. Tammy Riley, director of the Miss Manners component, observed and interacted with the students she has guided in manners, positive attitudes and words that encourage themselves and others.

The parents' contribution of food, service and decorations and the efforts of administrators and teachers was appreciated.

The well dressed youngsters' excitement was evident as they dined on the delicious fare; visited with classmates; took part in a formal dance with their parents; and smiled for the camera at the joyful Character Education celebration.

