6/6 Ethical behavior

Activity

What would you do if you witnessed a corrupt activity? Would you ignore it as long as it didn't harm you? Have you ever been dishonest at home, at school, with your friends? Did you feel badly for being dishonest? How does it make you feel when someone is dishonest with you? Is dishonesty ever excusable? Are some lies more acceptable than others?

How can you make sure you live honestly and with integrity? Use the following questions to help you make good decisions: Are my actions illegal or unethical? Am I being fair and honest? Would I be unwilling or embarrassed to tell my family, friends, or co-workers? Would my reputation or that of my employer be harmed if the action were revealed in the newspapers? Am I personally uncomfortable about the course of action? Could someone's life, health, safety, or reputation be endangered by my action? How would I like to be treated in this situation?
Decide how you would deal with the following:

* Your boss asks, "Can't you fudge the financials?
* You're an only child and your mother, a 75-year old widow, has recently, been giving a lot of her money to charity.
* You've borrowed a neighbor's power mower - something you frequently do. While you're mowing your lawn, it dies on you.
* You have two job choices - one with a company that is doing serious damage to the environment but it pays more than the other job with a reputable company.
* You find a $100 bill as you enter a local grocery store.
* You're selling your old clunker. Do you disclose any problems you're having with it?
* Your friend who habitually buys expensive clothes, wears them once, then reattaches all the tags and returns them to the store for a refund suggests you do the same.

Newspaper Activity

Find articles about causes that matter to you and problems that you can help to solve. Are there stories that make you angry or sad? Find three stories—one local, one national and one international- that report on social problems caused by unethical decisions. How does it affect you? What can you do?

Quiz Question

Who did teens rate the lowest in ethical behavior?
A. Business leaders
B. Religious leaders
C. Teens
D. Politicians
E. Professional athletes

Who would you rate the lowest?
Responses:
D. correct.

WEEKLY QUIZ Question: Visit www.cccr.psu.edu to play the S^3 Online Game - Save•Spend•Succeed. Your students can use the online game to practice for the Live S^3 Game Show available from JA and Penn State Behrend. Two teams will compete for prizes at Penn State Behrend during the year. They will be treated to lunch and will be given a tour of the college.

Each Friday except Friday 11/23, 12/28, 1/18, 3/21, and 4/18 you will receive newspapers from Erie Times-Newspaper in Education program paid for by our sponsors (see below)

Friday newspaper includes weekly financial literacy topics and weekly activities, your space for student writing, a S^3 trivia bonus question and newspaper activities to help students make the connections to the real world by using the newspaper as their resource.
See below for this week and for more resources.

Partner WEBSITES for more information

www.erie.ja.org
www.cccr.psu.edu
www.eriefcu.org
www.unitedwayerie.org

Financial Literacy Website Resources

NEFE – National Endowment for Financial Education
http://hsfpp.nefe.org/home/
http://www.nefe.org/pages/educational.html
www.smartaboutmoney.org
http://www.smartaboutmoney.org/nefe/pages/content.asp?page=1730#Top
http://www.cooperativalatina.org/education/curriculum.htm

NEFE – Teen Resource Bureau Website
http://www.ntrbonline.org/

The Jump Start Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy
http://www.jumpstart.org/

Money Instructor
http://www.moneyinstructor.com/
http://www.moneyinstructor.com/checks.asp

Financial Literacy in a Box

http://www.mcul.org/Financial_Literacy_In_A_Box_658.html

Pennsylvania Office of Financial Education – Pennsylvania Department of Banking
http://www.moneysbestfriend.com/

CUNA – Credit Union National Association
http://www.creditunion.coop/
http://www.precision-info.com/quiz/quiz.cgi?c=1056147613&t=coop
Thrive By Five - http://www.creditunion.coop/pre_k/

NCUA – National Credit Union Administration
http://www.mymoney.gov/

Money Matters
http://www.smartcredittips.com/

National Youth Involvement Board
http://www.nyib.org

www.eriefcu.org
Treasure Club Kid's Account - http://www.eriefcu.org/savings/treasure-club/
CU Succeed – For Teens 13 – 18 http://www.eriefcu.org/savings/financial-literacy/
Scholarships for college students - http://www.eriefcu.org/loans/student-loans/
"Guides to Independence" Online Interactive Educational Teen Program
http://www.eriefcu.org/savings/financial-literacy/