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## COLLIER EDUCATOR GRANT"STAND UP FOR JUSTICE"

Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation of Collier County

A \$250 annual grant will be made to the educator, whose lesson(s) and/or activity(s) is selected as best meeting the criteria below. The purpose of this grant is to honor those Collier County middle school educators who have striven to counter the prevailing tendency within today's popular culture for students to deride or denigrate others based upon difference. The lesson(s) or activity(s) should have as a major objective the purpose of instilling the positive character trait of "respect for others" in students. All nominees must have created lessons of their own design or successfully made adaptations from other programs and should be able to show evidence of a positive nature as a result of implementation. Successful nominees will be contacted and asked to submit a copy of the lesson(s) or activity(s) from the current school year a description of its implementation, and evidence of effectiveness. Nominees may include Collier County middle school teachers, guidance counselors, school librarians, administrators, and media specialists. Self-nominations are accepted.

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Nominee's Name: Gina Rose

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Number of years' teaching: 22 years

Grade or subject taught: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Art

School: North Naples Middle School
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Phone (daytime): 239-377-4694
Phone (evening): 239-377-4694

On a separate page(s) with the name of the nominee on each page, please briefly: Describe the precipitating events that motivated you to initiate these lessons or activities. Describe the lesson(s) or activity(s), and, if adapted from another source, please reference. Explain how the lesson(s) or activity(s) teach students the importance of respecting others no matter what religious, racial, cultural, or other differences exist.

Explain how it helped them counter bigotry and bullying and prepare them to stand up for justice?

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SELECTED AS A FINALIST, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE/PROOF OF EFFECTIVENESS, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: A QUESTIONAIRE OR INTERVIEWS, DOCUMENTED ANECDOTAL CONVERSATIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS, ETC.

Please complete the following section if you are nominating someone other than yourself.

Your name: Ryan Nemeth (Assistant Principal, North Naples Middle School)

Your email: nemethry@collier.k12.fl.us Your address: 16165 Learning Lane

Your phone, day and evening: 239-377-4620 Relationship to nominee: Assistant Principal

Submit the completed form no later than February 15, 2011, to: Beth Poylow

Beth Povlow
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## **Clay Tile Mural Installation**

One of my big projects every year is to create a large clay mosaic mural. These murals are based on the Collier County Character traits. Character Education is an integral part of my art program at North Naples Middle School.

Students took on the responsibility of choosing the Character Trait creating the layout and design as well as coming up with an inspirational quote to compliment the entire design of the installation.

I was thrilled when the Social Studies teacher and the Language Arts teacher approached me with this wonderful idea to integrate the holocaust (Social Studies) and The Diary of Anne Frank (Language Arts) into our annual mural project!

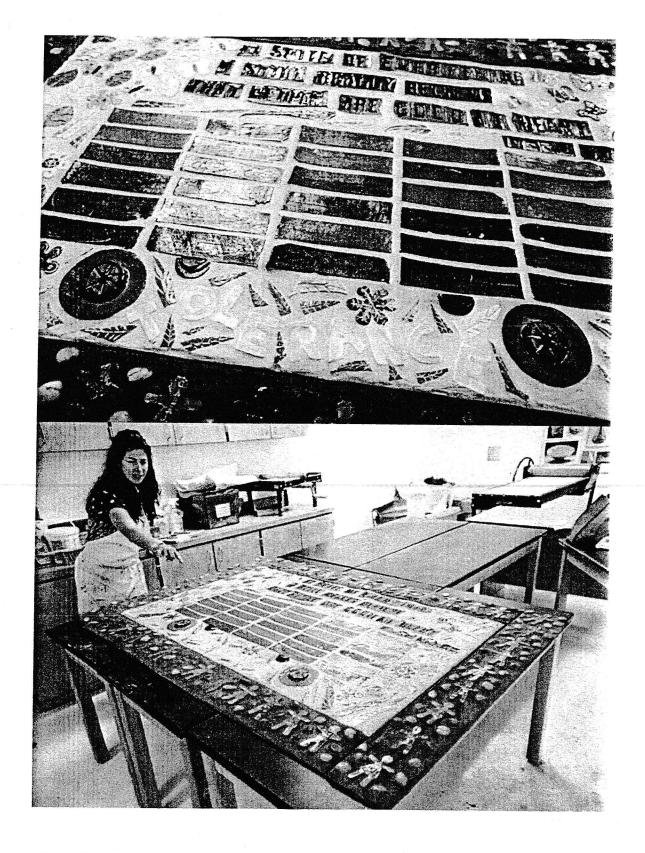
The students chose the character trait. They decided that after reading the diary of Anne Frank that <u>Tolerance</u> would be an appropriate name for this mural. The inspirational quote came from Anne Frank "Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart." The social studies students researched names of the children who have died during the holocaust to incorporate around the border of the mural.

The centerpiece of the mural is of a boxcar that was on display at the entrance of North Naples Middle. I thought it was such a moving event, one that would be on loan to us for such a short period of time, that we could at least have that image as a reminder, permanently placed in our mural. The installation is very symbolic, and very well thought out. The students did not want the piece to be dismal or dark. They wanted it to be an art piece that represents, respect, tolerance, remembrance and change.

The boxcar sits in grass and beautiful clay tile flowers are rising from the grass. There are handmade colorful butterflies representing the children who have passed during the holocaust. The butterflies then change into the clay tile boys and girls on the border of the mural. Each tile on the border has the child's name. All tiles were carved, glazed and fired by art students.

The experience was just as amazing and beautiful as the mural itself.

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## Monthly Character Education Traits

Click on a trait to download an informational brochure and poster.

Month

Character Trait

January

Self-Control(1)

February

Kindness(1) and Charity(2)

March

Honesty(1)

April

Fairness(2) and Justice(4)

May

Integrity(2) and Wisdom(4)

June

Caring(2) and Focus on Family(4)

July

Courage(3) and Focus on Community(4)

August

Forgiveness(2) and Focus on World(4)

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Citizenship(1), Patriotism(1), and Loyalty(4)

October

Respect(1), Tolerance(1), and Cooperation(1)

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Responsibility(1)

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Perseverance(2)

State traits: citizenship, cooperation, honesty, kindness, patriotism,

- respect, responsibility, self-control, tolerance, charity (added by statute 2006)
- 2 Additional CCPS traits
- 3 Additional Laws of Life Program traits
- 4 Additional Character Council of Collier County traits

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