

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share that Ocean Springs School District will be launching a district-wide character education initiative this school year. At the heart of this initiative is a set of core values we want every Greyhound to embody—traits that reflect the strength, kindness, and excellence we strive for in our schools and community.

These traits are represented in the acronym **G.R.E.Y.H.O.U.N.D.S.**, and they include:

- **G**rowth
- **R**esponsibility
- **E**mpathy
- **Y**ou (Self-Worth and Identity)
- **H**ope
- **O**riginality
- **U**nity
- **N**eighborly Behavior
- **D**ependability
- **S**cholarly Attitude

Each month, we will focus on one of these important character traits. Students will explore these values through:

- Classroom lessons and discussions
- Counselor-led activities and support
- Library books and reading materials aligned with each trait
- School-wide and grade-level initiatives that highlight and celebrate student growth

Our goal is to help all of our students develop into well-rounded individuals who not only succeed academically but also contribute positively to their school and community. We invite you to join us in reinforcing these traits at home and celebrating your child's growth throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to shape strong character in every Greyhound.

With Greyhound pride,

[Principal's Name]

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[School Name]

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