



September 21, 2026

Dear Families,

This week, our school is focusing on the character strength of **Teamwork**. Teamwork means working well with others as part of a group. It involves being loyal, reliable, and dedicated to helping your team reach its goals.

People who are strong in teamwork desire to help all group members succeed, committing time and resources to the group's shared goals. Sometimes, this means setting aside personal achievements to ensure the team does well as a whole. By doing this, they create positive feelings and help form a strong bond among group members.

Being a good teammate benefits everyone. When students work together, they feel proud of being part of something bigger than themselves.

To practice and encourage the character strength of teamwork at home, please visit The Positivity Project's mobile-friendly P2 for Families (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)), where you will watch a video together and discuss a quote and three questions. Below are links to this week's P2 for Families lessons. Click on the grade level that best meets your child's needs.

Pre-K-K	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
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Have a wonderful week and don't forget to check out PTO's Scholastic Book Fair Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM in the library.

Respectfully,

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TEAMWORK



Virtue: Justice. Strengths of justice refer to the optimal relationship between the individual and the group or community, rather than the more one-to-one relationships in the humanity virtue. These strengths include: teamwork, fairness, and leadership.

WHAT DOES TEAMWORK MEAN?

You work well as a member of a group or team. You are loyal, reliable, and dedicated to helping your team achieve its goals.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

People who demonstrate teamwork often work to help all group members find success. Teamwork is associated with naturally positive feelings that come with being a member of a family, team, school, or group. Practicing the Other People Mindset is an important part of being a member of a successful team.



QUOTES ON TEAMWORK

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

-Andrew Carnegie

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."

-Ryunosuke Satoro

"Cooperation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there."

-Virginia Burden

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

-Henry Ford

