PLEASANT PRAIRIE RADIATES CHARACTER

KENOSHA, Wis. (Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016) – Pleasant Prairie Elementary School was recently named a State School of Character by Character.org, a national advocate and leader in the movement to educate, inspire and empower young people to be ethical and engaged citizens. Pleasant Prairie was one of 68 schools in the nation given this title of distinction. The other schools selected in Wisconsin are Brown Deer Middle School and Meyer Middle School.

“We are thrilled to be selected as a 2016 Wisconsin School of Character,” said Shane Gayle, Pleasant Prairie principal. “This honor recognizes the hard work and investment of the school community of Pleasant Prairie who work to marry academic success with strong character. It is also an honor to be the first school in Kenosha County and the only elementary school in Wisconsin to receive this recognition.”

Criteria for selection is based on Character.org’s 11 Principles of Effective Character Education, which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

Each year, Character.org and its state affiliates select schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development that has a true positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior and school climate. Newly named schools and districts will be forwarded to Character.org for consideration as National Schools of Character.

The 2016 National Schools of Character will be announced in May 2016. Character.org will honor these schools and districts at the 23rd National Forum on Character Education to be held Oct. 14-15, 2016, in Washington, DC.

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