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COEBOURN ELEMENTARY NAMED 2015 PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

ASTON, PA – Penn-Delco School District is pleased to announce that Character.org, a national advocate and leader for the character education movement in collaboration with De Sales University, named Coebourn Elementary School a 2015 Pennsylvania School of Character. The program recognized Coebourn as a school that has demonstrated its use of character development to drive a positive impact on academics, student behavior, and Coebourn’s climate.



Coebourn Elementary is one of only ten schools in Pennsylvania to receive the honor this year. They will hold this honor for three years and will receive a banner during a school celebration from state sponsors. Aston Elementary was named a School of Character in 2009 as was Pennell Elementary in 2012. Coebourn is now eligible to be considered for the National School of Character recognition.

The [Schools of Character](#) application process is an opportunity for schools and districts to receive thoughtful feedback for growth and excellence in the area of character development through Character.org’s [11 Principles of Effective Character Education](#) framework. It is also a method of recognizing exemplary schools and districts in the nation.

Since its inception, Character.org has awarded more than 500 schools with the distinction of State School of Character. Criteria for the designation are based on Character.org’s 11 Principles of Effective Character Education, which includes providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in character-building efforts.

“Utilizing components of character education is a large part of our student and staff’s daily routines.” said Mr. Eric Kuminka, Principal at Coebourn. "The core values of Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness to learn are essential to our work to develop the whole child. We are grateful for the Character Education Partnership Program and Dr. Amore from De Sales University for their efforts to create a state and national discussion on the importance of character in education. We are eager to carry this distinction for years to come and are hopeful our example will lead other schools in Pennsylvania to participate in this program in order to enhance student’s lives statewide.”

Founded in 1993, Character.org, is a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. It works with schools and districts to inspire, educate and empower young people to be ethical and engaged citizens. It is led by education leaders who are dedicated to youth learning how to be both smart and good through the advancement of quality character development in all schools. The impact of this is seen through improved academic achievement, decline in behavioral problems such as truancy and an increase in an overall positive school climate. Visit www.character.org to learn more about the National Forum and the Schools of Character program.

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