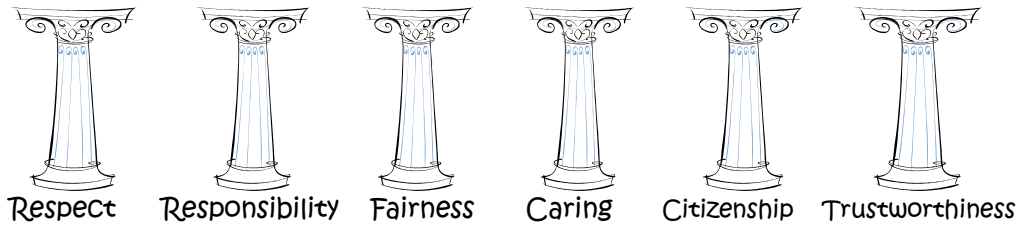


## CHARACTER COUNTS! At HCMS



CHARACTER COUNTS! is the most widely used character education program in the nation, and we are looking forward to continuing the program here at Hickory Creek during the 2009-2010 school year. CHARACTER COUNTS! teaches students about six different Pillars of Character. They include **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness and Citizenship**. The program focuses on helping students identify what each pillar means to them and examples of ways to make that pillar a part of their daily behavior.

CHARACTER COUNTS! activities occur during academic classes, Advisory classes, and through building level activities. This year we embraced the theme of “Character in Action- Watch Us Shine!” We will also be involved in a variety of school wide activities that support this theme.

Each month we focus on one of the Pillars of Character. The schedule is as follows:

October	Responsibility
November	Citizenship
January	Caring
February	Respect
March	Fairness
April	Trustworthiness

Please be sure to talk with your child about CHARACTER COUNTS!