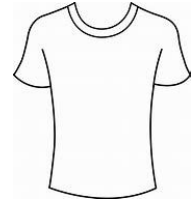


To: Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of PPS students  
From: Palmer Pride Committee and PPS Administration



Over the last year you may have asked yourself a question about how a student at Palmer Public School earns their Leader of the Pack shirt. We want students, staff, and parents alike to understand the process of how shirts are earned. This year at Palmer Public School our focus will be on contributory behavior. Teachers and staff members will focus specifically on the behaviors exhibited by a student that causes our culture to stand out above the rest. The following are Palmer's House descriptions and the focus of the contributory behavior:

Integrity - *Integritas* ~ Soundness of moral character

- A. Student has the ability to make the right choices when no one is watching.
- B. Student has the ability to be trusted in words and deeds.
- C. A description that is earned and should be prized.

Courage - *Virtus* ~ Strength in the face of adversity

- A. Student has the ability to face difficulty without fear.
- B. Student has the ability to practice compassion with self and others.
- C. A description that embraces the whole heart and one's imperfections.

Aspire - *Spirare* ~ Ambition to achieve a goal

- A. Student has the ability to direct one's hopes and ambitions to attaining a higher goal.
- B. Student has the ability to yearn for something more.
- C. A description that encompasses one's desires and hopes for the future.

Noble - *Optimus* ~ Reveal talents through generosity & forgiveness

- A. Student has the ability to be trustworthy and honest.
- B. Student has the ability to help others when gaining nothing in return.
- C. A description that distinguishes one's excellence through personal talents.

Teachers and staff who observe any encompassing contributory behavior from a student will give the student a handwritten card explaining the behavior that was exuded by the student and give them a Leader of the Pack t-shirt. We would like to show off to our community that our students are great kids, and we will have a dedicated page on Palmer Public School's website that has pictures of students receiving their shirts and a brief explanation of the contributory behavior, so please check this page out in your spare time! ([www.palmertigers.org](http://www.palmertigers.org) .... Find the Palmer Pride link under current highlights on the front page) Pictures may be posted to Palmer's Facebook page as well; however, you will have to check out the web page to see all of the information! In turn, students will be watching for the contributory behaviors of teachers and staff members and students will be able to award a teacher or staff member their shirt in the same manner as described above. We are excited about the year ahead and have no doubt that our students stand out among the rest!