



# CHARACTER COUNTS! COMMUNITIES

## NEWSLETTER

March 2013

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- > **Helping Children Build Optimism in Their Lives—3/27/13**  
8:30 to 10:00 am & 6:00 to 7:30pm @ Lincoln Elementary School, Port Washington
- > **Astronomy Class—4/8/13; 6:00pm** @ Oscar Grady Public Library, Saukville
- > **Book Discussion—4/15/13; 6:30pm** @ W.J. Niederkorn Library, Port Washington
- > **Creative Journaling Class—4/18/13; 6:00pm** @ W.J. Niederkorn Library, Port Washington
- > **A Taste of Giving Back Event—4/20/13; 11:00am to 2:00pm;** Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Port Washington
- > **5th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Communities Recognition and Celebration - 11/21/13;** W.J. Niederkorn Library Community Room, Port Washington



One Book One Community brings people together through the reading of a common book and participating in discussions and other activities focusing on the book and related topics. In 2013, both the public and school libraries of Port Washington and Saukville are collaborating to promote life-long learning, excitement about reading, and connections between community members

through our fifth annual One Book One Community program.

For more information, please visit the [WJ Niederkorn Library](#) or the [Port Washington High School Library](#) websites or [download](#) the 2013 One Book One Community brochure.

### Helping Children Build Optimism in Their Lives



**March 27, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Children's happiness and their success in life can be enhanced by developing a more optimistic approach to problems and life's many challenges. Learn a ten-step process for helping children become more optimistic and self-assured. You will also learn how to help children and yourself reduce stress and become more positive and peaceful. Reserve your seat now! Contact Heidi Belohlav, 262-268-6005

## CHARACTER COUNTS!® Communities Citizens

Receiving Character Counts recognition awards were Tami Wojciehowski, an active volunteer in the Port Washington schools; Joann Wiesner, a retired Port Washington-Saukville School District librarian and longtime member of Saukville's Oscar Grady Library Board; and Richard Thomas, former Port Washington Police

Department Police Chief who proposed the Character Counts initiative.

The Character Counts!® Resolution was also again signed.



## SIGNS IN THE COMMUNITY



We have worked hard to make Character Counts more visible in our Communities. One of our committees has been working on getting signage up in our parks and other recreational areas. Below are a few signs that have

been put up in parks in Saukville in the last year. Our goal is to expand these signs to more parks in Port Washington and also in other high traffic area like the Interurban Trail.



## TJMS 8TH GRADERS HIT MARCUS THEATER



In December the Port Washington-Saukville Character Counts Coalition was able to help fund for a trip for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Thomas Jefferson middle school to attend a special showing of the

Honor Flight movie at Marcus Theater. Over 400 students from Cedarburg, Grafton, Port Washington-Saukville, and Northern Ozaukee attend this film and the students were very touched and moved by the

experience. We were very proud to help our students to have this experience.



## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2012



Micaela Haggenjos

Micaela was a Peer Buddy and active in Book Club, Key Club, Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, Vocal Music Festival, Pit Band, Solo Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Vocal Jazz Competition, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Womens

Vocal Jazz. Micaela is a great CHARACTER COUNTS!® role model for her peers and others in the community.



Jonathan was an active member of the Math Team and the National

Honors Society. Jonathan Scheel is a great CHARACTER COUNTS!® role model for his peers and others in the community.

There will be 3 scholarships given out in 2013 thanks to an anonymous donor.

Jonathan Scheel

