



Celebrating Safe Positive Schools

Our school project was using the Film Clips for Character Education Resource.

How did you do it? Who was involved?

The Film Clips for Character Education resource has proven to be an excellent resource to stimulate discussion and problem solving for all elementary and high school grades, as the discussion from the clips is determined by the students' level. The clips are highly motivating, as they are from popular movies such as The Incredibles, Finding Nemo, Bend it Like Beckham, Forrest Gump, The Patriot, Liar Liar, Shrek, Remember the Titans, Apollo 13, Billy Madison, and more.

The clips focus on topics such as honesty, co-operation, respect, courage, loyalty, perseverance, vision, kindness, forgiveness, empathy, good sportsmanship, diversity, equality, integrity, freedom, democracy, and more. Each clip comes with a study guide as well, making this a suitable resource for religion, health, homeroom, social studies, and social sciences.

At St. Frances, we used the Film Clips resource in every classroom. Some teachers played a clip every day, while others used it weekly. The purpose was to engage students in dialogue around certain topics. If the class happened to be struggling through a particular issue, clips from the same theme could be used throughout a week. The study guide was often used, but was not necessary.

Some teachers chose to do culminating projects after each theme studied, like posters, journal entries, power point presentations, and role play, while other teachers chose to use the resource simply to problem solve.