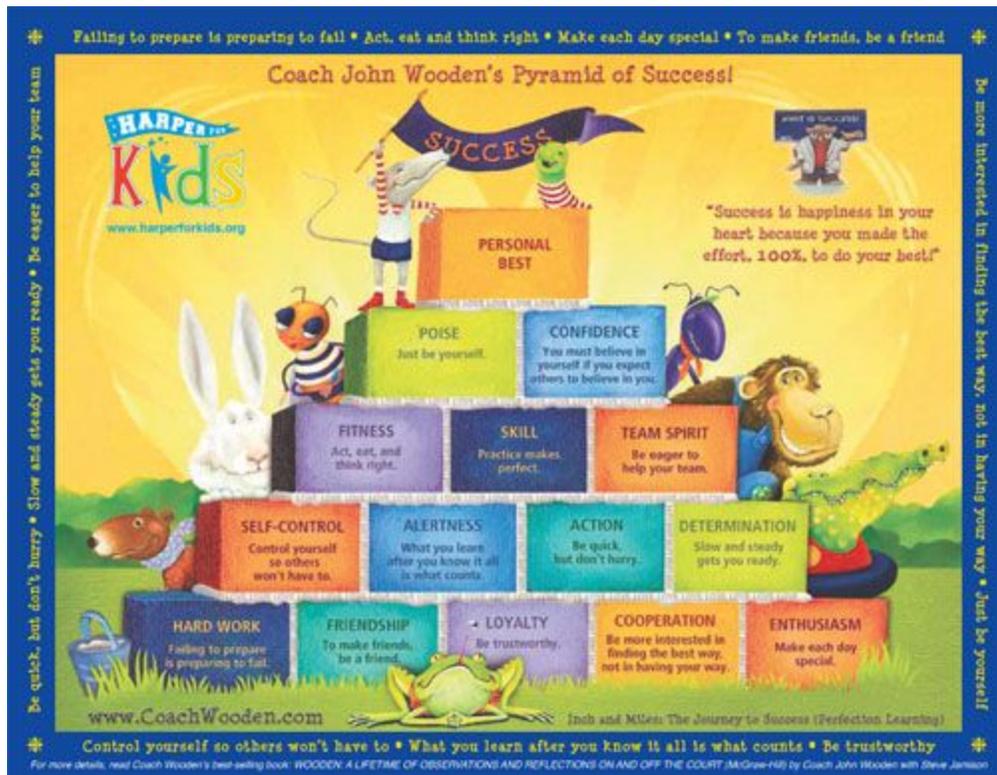


# Character Education



## Harper for Kids Youth Character Development Program

This year Brookville Elementary School would like to partner with Harper for Kids to teach our students important character traits from legendary UCLA Coach John Wooden's Pyramid of Success and his definition of success for children which is: "Success is happiness in your heart because you made the effort, 100%, to do your best!"

Coach Wooden believed and taught that the most important responsibility each of us had to ourselves was to do everything we could to achieve our own potential. He offered his Pyramid of Success and his definition of Success as a guide, stepping stones to

help young people understand what it really takes to make the effort – 100% – to fulfill their potential and do their best.

Our students learn about Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success through his children's book, *Inch and Miles: The Journey to Success*, which Peanut Louie Harper collaborated on. Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success supports Reilly's vision in creating a positive learning environment. For the past five years, Reilly students have received a Pyramid of Success and a challenge to tackle each of its blocks, which are desirable behaviors like self-control and cooperation, and the kids choose how they want to demonstrate each of these traits. After a student has completed all the blocks in the Pyramid of Success, they are invited to have lunch and take a picture with Principal Pitzen. Once a month, students are also honored at the school's Flag Ceremony and the honorees' group photo appears in the parent newsletter. These positive reinforcements have proven to be highly effective. Reilly teachers are thrilled with the optimistic mindset and good citizenship that have characterized the campus since the Pyramid of Success program began.

Harper for Kids is a children's nonprofit organization founded by Tim & Peanut Louie Harper. Harper for Kids mission is to teach children important life skills that will empower them to achieve their personal best in life and to help schools incorporate Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success into their character education.

We are excited about working with Harper for Kids to bring focused character education to our students. For more information about Harper for Kids and Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success, please visit their website:

[www.harperforkids.org/HFK/pyramid\\_of\\_success.html](http://www.harperforkids.org/HFK/pyramid_of_success.html).



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