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## CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK Online Mail List September 2007 - Vol. #6

Welcome to the **CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK** online mail list. Your name has been added to this list as a result of your completing the New Jersey Department of Education Character Education Network Online Listserv Form or because you have indicated an interest in receiving updates on character education efforts in New Jersey.

The purpose of **The Network** is to encourage the adoption of character education programs and strategies by providing a forum for sharing information, research and promising practices. Through the New Jersey Center for Character Education (NJCCE), **The Network** will offer educators access to national and state character education experts and programs through conferences, workshops, and e-mails.

**The Network** will be bringing you **news** from the national, state and local levels; **best practices**, including updates from our New Jersey Local Education Area (LEA) Partner demonstration sites; announcements of **events, conferences, workshops**; and **professional development opportunities** throughout the state and at the national level; grant and **funding opportunities**; **program and assessment resources** and links to other character education **websites**.

A link to the NJ Center for Character Education website ([www.nj-charactered.net](http://www.nj-charactered.net)) will lead you to current **articles** and **research** from the field as well as materials and large documents which you can download for use in your classroom.

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## FROM THE NJCCE DIRECTOR

We welcome old and new readers to the first issue of the Network for the 2007-08 school year. At the Center we have had a busy summer starting up new projects and working on a new website and cyber identity, which will be formally launched within the next month. We hope you saw our August announcement asking you to participate in an on-line survey we are conducting to help guide the creation of a graduate level course sequence leading to a new certificate in social and character development. What may have caught your attention is the

opportunity to **win an iPod Shuffle** by participating. While we are all about intrinsic rewards at the Center, every once in a while a special incentive helps boost motivation, and getting a good sample of your views on what we are proposing is quite important to us and our partners at the New Jersey Department of Education.

The on-line survey contains just 17 items and can be completed in about 10 minutes. We urge you to complete the survey before Friday, September 14 by following these three easy steps:

1. Visit Survey Monkey at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=O3aUsipEUINbMtb8YiUABw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=O3aUsipEUINbMtb8YiUABw_3d_3d)
2. Complete the survey.
3. Provide your name, e-mail address, phone number, as indicated in the survey.  
(Required **only** if you want to be entered in the drawing for the iPod Shuffle).

We are also involved in fostering the potential creation of a statewide association of professionals devoted to character and civic education, social-emotional learning and service-learning. If you have a burning passion to be involved with this process, please call me or email me directly at [pmbrown@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:pmbrown@rci.rutgers.edu).

We wish you a wonderful start to your new school year.

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