

# Building Life Skills



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## Key Building Blocks to Help Kids Succeed

Search Institute has identified 40 building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. These building blocks are referred to as "assets." Local schools have united in identifying monthly "asset" themes for schools and communities to help kids reach their potential.

### Fairness

Young people have strong values that allow them to make impartial decisions based on appropriate factors, placing a high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.

I am an understanding friend.  
I listen to others.  
I have empathy: I try to understand the feelings and actions of others.  
I make decisions, which affect others only after appropriate consideration.  
I am a good sport who follows the rules and plays fairly with others.  
I believe in equity and equality for all people.  
I believe in due process under the law.  
I treat all people fairly.

### MONTHLY THEMES

January.....Fairness  
February.....Trustworthiness  
March.....Positive Identity  
April.....Citizenship  
May.....Empowerment  
June.....Support  
July.....Constructive use of time  
August.....Commitment to learning  
September.....Decision-making  
October.....Respect  
November.....Responsibility  
December.....Caring

## Project Love campaign inspires students at Lorain County JVS

Students in the Lorain County JVS Career Exploration Program participated in leadership training through the Remember the Children Foundation. The training empowers teens and adults to create a culture of kindness, caring, fairness, and respect in their school.

At a special "Kickoff for Kindness" rally at Lorain County Community College, the JVS students were motivated to initiate a project to positively impact the culture of their school and to inspire students to treat each other with respect and kindness.

Called "Project Love," the students have started a campaign to recognize fellow students and staff members for performing an act of kindness. They constructed and set up nomination boxes around the school for students and staff to place ballots when they would like to nominate someone. Students who are selected will be treated to a lunch in the Buckeye Room Restaurant at the JVS.



Ariana Gomez (Clearview) and MacKenzie Thaxton (Midview) check the ballot boxes for "Project Love" student nominations at Lorain County JVS.

"This project has really helped raise the morale of the students," stated Ariana Gomez, Career Explorations student from Clearview. "It always feels good to be noticed for doing the right thing."

"We have a lot of diversity in our student body," said MacKenzie Thaxton, from Midview. "It's important that the school environment be accepting and fair. We hope 'Project Love' raises awareness about these two issues."

More information about the Project Love campaign can be found at <http://projectlove.org>.

