Attention Harborside Students and Parents,

Character Quest is a club at Harborside that focuses on leadership and character development. Participants in this club attend a summer training in Galena Illinois where the staff at Character Quest leads our students through a number of different leadership development activities and discussions. Participants are encouraged to think of themselves as leaders both at school and in the community.

Why join Character Quest? It is a great way to have fun while growing as a person. Each participant is also guaranteed a letter of recommendation co-written by Mr. Haithcock and Mr. Dean Matthews (Owner of the Character Quest Program.) It is also a great way to earn service hours. Active participants the program will be awarded up to 12 hours of community service per year.

This year’s first Character Quest meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th at Carthage College. (Before the basketball game.) We will meet at the West entrance of the field house at 6:00 pm. All previous participants in Character Quest are invited to attend. Additional 10th and 11th graders are welcome to join the group (freshman will be allowed to join this summer when we attend the training in Galena.)

Interested students will join a cluster group based on the time each participant is able to meet. These groups, held at Harborside Academy, will meet one Wednesday a month at either 6:45 am or 2:45 pm. Each group will be led by trained facilitators from Carthage College. Topics of discussion will include Leadership, Character and Service planning. As always, we will attend the summer training in Galena.

Are you a Lion, Otter, Beaver or Golden Retriever? Turn in this sheet by February 12th to find out what your leadership style is!

Student Name
Parent Signature
If you are interested in being a member of Character Quest, please obtain the necessary signatures on the front of this page and select from one of the following two options. *(This will be your meeting time each month.)*

- I prefer to meet before school on Wednesdays from 6:45 – 7:20
- I prefer to meet after school on Wednesdays from 2:45 – 3:45.

**Important dates:**

- Saturday, February 13th, Carthage College Basketball Game. We will meet at the field house at 6:45 pm.
- *Clusters will meet again in March, April and May. In addition, each cluster will participate in 1 self designed social event and 1 community service project.*
- *Summer 2010, Character Quest training in Galena Illinois. Current freshman are welcome to join here!*  

**Note:**

*The training in Galena is physically challenging on purpose. If you do not want to work, feel free to take a pass on this activity.*

Interested students with academic failures on the semester report card will be assigned to a cluster, but will only be allowed to participate with a signed progress report from all teachers. If grades increase by mid-term, then the student can continue with no limitations.