



# 2010 STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

## 'State School of Character' Award

For Providing a Model of Comprehensive, Quality Character Education,  
Representing America's Diverse Education System

**Lynnwood Elementary School**  
**Chris Lindblom, Principal**  
*Edmonds School District*

Lynnwood Elementary School's journey toward becoming a School of Character began in 2001. Like all schools, their staff was eager to improve the academic abilities of their needy students. They quickly realized that a focus on academics alone was not the answer. Their students needed a foundation on which to grow. That foundation has been Character Education. Through eight years of very intentional implementation, they have created a school culture permeated in universal ethical values. Developing their student's moral character is embedded in everything they do. Every academic lesson, every behavior intervention, every interaction where students have a choice is viewed as an opportunity to develop character. As their mission statement expresses, Lynnwood School "...is a diverse learning community committed to excellence in academics, ingenuity, and personal character." It goes on to say, "We are a peaceful community. We work toward making our school community free from bullying. We learn the value of respecting ourselves and others through the study of character traits. We develop and practice our understanding in order to be a positive force in our community." Following are the initiatives Lynnwood Elementary has been involved with in the past and present:

- Peace Garden of Hope
- School Song
- Peace Day
- Bucket Filling
- Kids Character Committee
- We Are Lynnwood
- Anchor Kids
- Character Education Assemblies
- PAWS
- IBuddy Classrooms
- OLWEUS Anti-Bullying Program – Pledge & Class Meetings
- Conflict Managers
- Character Ed Lesson Book
- Lunch Bunch

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