



# Supportive

at Allen Creek Elementary School

June 2019

**A** **Accepting:**  
*Embracing others' differences as well as your own.*

**C** **Cooperative:**  
*A willingness to work with others toward a common goal.*

**E** **Empathetic:**  
*When you understand how someone else is feeling.*

**S** **Supportive:**  
*Providing encouragement toward others.*

*The ACES qualities are the foundation of the culture of character at Allen Creek.*

**Accepting Cooperative Empathetic Supportive**

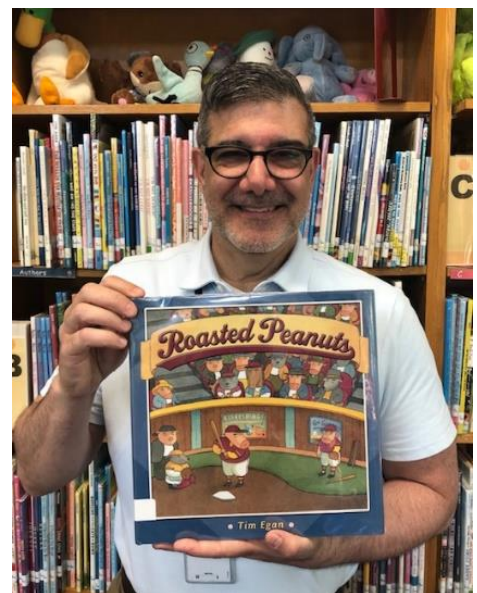
*These four traits were chosen as essential to create a school environment where ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives are tied together in a caring community.*

In our final ACES newsletter of the year, we are focusing on the quality "Supportive." A person who is supportive is someone who provides encouragement toward others. When you are supportive you show others that you want them to be happy and successful. You show that you care about and respect your classmates and friends.

## Principal's Book Pick

This month, Mr. Biondi would like to highlight the book, *Roasted Peanuts* by Tim Egan.

This is a fun story for spring about two friends who love baseball. Sam and Jackson both try out for their local team. Sam makes the team but Jackson does not. Jackson feels sorry for himself and Sam isn't having as much fun without his best friend. Sam figures out a way that Jackson can get a job at the stadium and get in to all of the games for free but Jackson declines. However, when Sam starts playing poorly, Jackson is inspired to take the job and support his friend from the stands. Sam becomes a champion and Jackson becomes a stadium legend.



## Lessons & Activities That Foster Supportiveness

Here are some examples of what our students have been doing across disciplines:

- Class meetings
- Presentations – peer feedback
- Peer editing
- Group projects
- Restorative conversations



## Family Discussion Ideas

It may be helpful to have a discussion with your child about what it means to be supportive. Here are some suggestions of things to talk over:

- Why is it important to be supportive?
- What can you do to show encouragement to your friends and classmates?
- Do you think being supportive can help someone to achieve success? Why or why not?
- Think of a time when someone was supportive of you. How did it make you feel?

## Family Read-Aloud Suggestions

