

Theunis Dey Elementary Named a 2015 National School of Character by Character.org

May,13 2015– (Wayne, NJ). – The Wayne Township Public Schools are pleased to announce that today, Character.org, a national advocate and leader for the character education movement, named Theunis Dey Elementary as a **2015 National School of Character**. The Schools of Character program recognizes Theunis Dey as a school that has demonstrated its use of character development to drive a positive impact on academics, student behavior, and Theunis Dey’s climate.

Theunis Dey Elementary School has 444 students and the staff has been working with Character.org for many years. The principal is Necole Jadick.

The Schools of Character <<http://character.org/schools-of-character/>> program is not a competition—but rather an opportunity to go through a rigorous process of feedback and coaching, as well as recognition for growth and excellence in the area of character development through Character.org’s 11 Principles of Effective Character Education framework. Theunis Dey will hold its designation for five years. Character.org will showcase Theunis Dey in an annual publication and on its website. Theunis Dey has also earned the right to use the National Schools of Character name and logo.

Since its inception, Character.org has awarded over 300 schools with the distinction of a National School of Character. In 2015, along with Theunis Dey, 63 additional schools and 3 districts were named across the United States.

“Character education is a large part of our student’s daily lives,” said Principal Necole Jadick. “We are grateful for Character.org and its efforts to create a national discussion on the importance of character in education. We are eager to carry this distinction for years to come and are hopeful our example will lead other schools in New Jersey to participate in this process in order to enhance student’s lives statewide.”

Character.org will honor Theunis Dey in person at the 22nd National Forum on Character Education, to be held the weekend of October 15, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Visit www.character.org <<http://www.character.org>> to learn more about the National Forum, the Schools of Character program and the 2015 national designees.

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