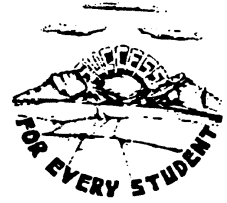




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Dear Parents/Guardians, Families, and Community Members:

**Jonas E. Salk Middle School has been awarded the
2015 New York State School of Character- Honorable Mention**

In order to achieve this recognition as a New York State School of Character, Salk had to meet rigorous standards which include 11 Principles of Effective Character Education.

At Salk, this is simply known as RISE: respect and responsibility, integrity, safety and staying healthy and empathy.

Highlights of our RISE program include:

- All staff receiving training in and participating in character education
- RISE week: involving student assemblies, mindfulness, and staff/student lunch
- Our weekly RISE video clip and discussion and RISE awards
- Student-directed charitable efforts for childhood cancers, book drives, coat drives, food drives, and senior visits – any chance for students to give back to their community
- Our after school clubs that support friendship and sports for all students including:
RISE Buddies club and the Challenger League
- Peer Tutoring and Junior Leader programs
- Integration of RISE principles into core curriculum, such as English novels
- Our students demonstrating strong academic success including substantial involvement in honors and accelerated English, mathematics, and science programs
- RISE's successful reduction in number of bullying and disciplinary incidents

Mrs. Monteiro-Grady and Mrs. Kolodnicki accepted the NYS School of Character award on behalf of Salk Middle school in Troy, New York in April 2015.

We are continuing to improve our program with the help and support of students, staff, families and community members in the hopes of earning a New York State School of Character award!