

I Am Newburgh Community Monthly Concepts/Principles

Month	Concept	Description	Reflection
October	Principled	Acting with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. I take responsibility for my own actions and the rewards or consequences that accompany them.	<i>Did I take responsibility for my actions today?</i>
November	Inquirer	Developing my natural curiosity. Acquiring the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. I actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout my life.	<i>What did I learn new today?</i>
December	Reflective	Giving thoughtful consideration to my own learning and experience. I am able to assess and understand my strengths and limitations in order to support my learning and personal development.	<i>How have I built on my strengths and addressed my weaknesses?</i>
January	Balanced	I understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for myself and for others.	<i>How did I shared my qualities with others?</i>
February	Thinker	I exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions	<i>Did I wisely lead others in facing their challenges by making moral choices?</i>
March	Caring	I show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. I have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of other and to the environment.	<i>How have I given of myself in serving my community and the environment?</i>
April	Communicator	I understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. I work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.	<i>What community project am I actively involved in?</i>
May	Knowledgeable	I explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, I acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.	<i>How did I engage in my local community affairs?</i>
June	Risk-taker	I approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. I am brave and articulate in defending my beliefs.	<i>What opportunities did I use to share my values and beliefs?</i>
July	Appreciation	I appreciate the wonder and beauty of the world and its people. I appreciate other people's ideas and cultures	<i>When did I last take time to reflect and consider the diversity of my world?</i>
August	Empathy	I imagine myself in another's situation in order to understand his or her reasoning and emotions, so as to be open-minded and reflective about the perspectives of others.	<i>Today, who did I listen to that had a different life perspective?</i>
September	Cooperation	I practice cooperating, collaborating, and leading or following as the situation demands.	<i>Have I asked someone if I displayed love and unity today?</i>