

Character Community

E-News



A Town of Richmond Hill initiative.

A Town of Richmond Hill Character Community monthly e-letter

November is Fairness

I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.

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Town of Richmond Hill Character Community Organizations

- The Amici Centre
- Arts Richmond Hill Inc.
- Between Friends
- Catholic Community Services of York Region
- Community Living York South
- The Curtain Club
- Girl Guides of Canada York South Div.
- Helpmate Community Information
- Hill House Hospice
- Ja'fari Islamic Housing
- Learning Disabilities Association of York Region
- Lions Club of Richmond Hill
- Music to Care for Your Life
- Opera York
- Optimist Club of Richmond Hill
- Region Of York Recreationists (ROYR)
- Richmond Hill Aquatic Club
- Richmond Hill Canoe Club
- Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Richmond Hill Community Food Bank
- Richmond Hill Community Sports Council
- Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club
- Richmond Hill Rams Hockey Club
- Richmond Hill Community Soccer Association
- Richmond Hill Social & Bocce Club
- Richmond Hill Training Centre
- Richmond Hill Winter Carnival
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #375
- Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's of Richmond Hill
- St. Matthew's United Church Health Cabinet
- Stroke Recovery Network
- Top o' the Hill Co-operative Nursery School
- Volunteer Association of York Central Hospital
- Wilderness Lifeskills of Youth Inc.
- York Region Support Group of Parents of ADHD Kids

What is fairness? – Dividing The Pieces Equally



One of the major causes of conflict is that two people think things are not fair. By fair, we can also include the ideas of just, equal, good, ethical or moral, and the mechanisms of how we achieve this state. I am reminded of the following problem. You have two children, and a delicious ice cream cake sits before them. The task is how to divide it, so that there isn't a fight over who gets the larger half.



A most remarkable solution comes from Game Theory. The optimum strategy: let one child cut the cake, while the other chooses which piece to take! Thus, in order not to get cheated, the cutter is motivated to divide the cake into two halves that are as nearly equal as possible. Greed insures fair division. Each child anticipates what the other will do, (the cutter anticipates the chooser will take the larger piece) and this is what makes it such an interesting game. The children do not have to even think about

generosity or what is fair, just self-interest, and the outcome is fair! And if the children cannot decide who is going to cut, well then, it will just melt away!

Source: www.noogenesis.com

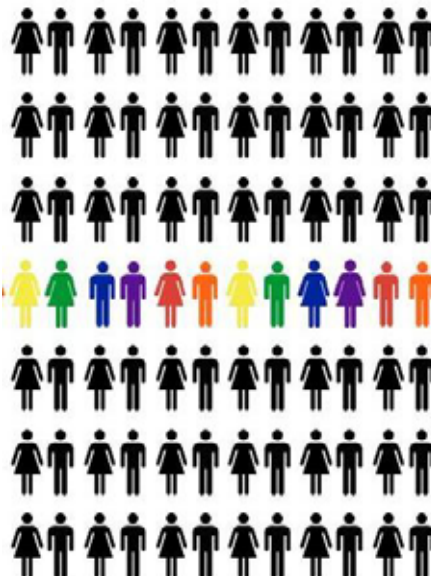
What Does Fairness Look Like?

- Be fair by making a judgement that does not favour or discriminate against individuals based on improper factors. For example, it is simply unfair to deny a person a job or promotion because of race, religion, gender or any other factor that does not have a material bearing on their ability to perform the job.

- Be fair by handling similar manners consistently. For example, parents, teachers, employers or others should treat similarly situated individuals the same, otherwise one is not being consistent.

- Be fair by playing and abiding by the rules of the game. Whether it is sports or just a board game, one should always play by the rules and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

Source: www.charactercommunity.com





Sport is for character...

Sport tests and builds character; sport allows the opportunity for children and young people to build the values of teamwork, dedication and commitment. Sport requires honesty and fair play. Sport builds courage, testing the willingness to try, to fail, and to try again. Governments are pledged to creating a sport environment untainted by cheating, violence and other unethical practices. Their goal is a sport environment that allows children and young people to develop as athletes, as people and as citizens and to pursue their commitment throughout their life.

Source: "Expectations for Fairness in Sport" found at www.pch.gc.ca

Fairness Quotes



"Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you."
~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



"When circumstances are unfair, you can show good character by continuing to do the best you can do."
~ Donna Forrest



"Fairness requires that we do not make judgments until we know all the facts."
~ Anonymous



"In our hearts and in our laws, we must treat all our people with fairness and dignity, regardless of their race, religion, gender and sexual orientation."
~ Bill Clinton

Next Month's Attribute:
December is Humour

How to Be a Fair Person

-  Treat people the way you want to be treated.
-  Take Turns.
-  Tell the truth.
-  Play by the rules.
-  Think about how your actions will affect others.
-  Listen to people with an open mind.
-  Don't blame others for your mistakes.
-  Don't take advantage of other people.
-  Don't play favorites.

Source: www.goodcharacter.com



'Tastes of the Hill' Multicultural Food Festival A Success!

On Sunday, October 5, the Town held its annual Tastes of the Hill Multicultural Food Festival where food lovers had the opportunity to enjoy a sensational variety of foods from more than 40 of Richmond Hill's finest dining establishments. Net proceeds will be donated to Autism Ontario – York Region Chapter to help provide camping programs to children and youth living with autism and the York Central Hospital Foundation to help purchase a ventilator for the new Intensive Care Unit. Check out more information and photos at www.richmondhill.ca/tastesofthehill.

Character Community E-News is a monthly e-mail newsletter to share information about upcoming events within our organization and beyond. If you would like to contribute upcoming Character Community event information, story ideas or photos, please forward it to the Editor, Michelle Lipkus, at mlipkus@richmondhill.ca.