

WILLSBORO PRIDE!

What is it?

Going to Willsboro Central School is more than just going to school. Anybody can go to school, all you have to do is attend classes, study a bit, take tests and maybe graduate if you complete the course of study. Going to Willsboro means more, much more than that. It means being part of something bigger than yourself...it means caring about others, treating everyone politely, reasonably, and respectfully. It means doing your share, helping when you can and above all, never causing harm or pain to others! This is *Willsboro Pride!*

How do I get it?

You get *Willsboro Pride!* every time you say "Good morning" when you pass someone in the hall, someone you already know or someone you haven't met. You get *Willsboro Pride!* when you say thank you to the cafeteria worker who serves you lunch or when you stop to hold the door for someone whose arms are full, or when you say excuse me to someone you accidentally bump into as you're hurrying to class. You get *Willsboro Pride!* when you volunteer to help clean up after a class activity or when you sit down to have lunch with someone who's alone. You get *Willsboro Pride!* when you offer to help a fellow student who's struggling with math, reading, or a science lesson. You get *Willsboro Pride!* when you stop bullying cold in its tracks. This is what *Willsboro Pride!* is all about!

What's in it for me?

What's in it for me, you say? Why should I care how others are treated or how someone else's day is going? Why should it matter to me? The answer is simple and it is simply this: we are all in this life together, and it's much more fun to be happy and helpful than sad and helpless. These are choices that we get to make for ourselves, so let's all have *Willsboro Pride!* and make the right choices, the ones that lead to the "good life."

Does this really work?

I guess you'll have to try it out for yourself to see. Your teachers will be talking a lot about *Willsboro Pride!* this year, and they may encourage you to keep a list of examples of *Willsboro Pride!* that you see around school. Hopefully, the day will come when we'll stop writing them down because *Willsboro Pride!* will be seen and heard everywhere, all the time. When that evening in June arrives and you're the senior sitting on the stage and you look out into the faces of the crowd, you will see *Willsboro Pride!*