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**LEADING WITH CHARACTER IN CALIFORNIA  
2009 California Schools of Character Recognition**

Sacramento, CA – The Center for Youth Citizenship is pleased to announce **Prairie Elementary** as the 2009 California School of Character. Prairie Elementary is a large, suburban Title One school located in Elk Grove Unified School District, in Sacramento County. Prairie has become a community of ethical learners who are successful. Their daily and universal language revolves around outstanding character behaviors, and their daily routines contribute to their mission - creating leaders for tomorrow.

Sponsored by the Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC) and the Character Education Partnership, the California Schools of Character (CSOC) awards program recognizes schools or districts that demonstrate an outstanding character education initiative that yields positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. The CSOC winner was chosen by a diverse panel of independent reviewers. The CSOC winner advanced to the national level competition as California's nominee, where Prairie Elementary received an Honorable Mention award. You can learn more about the national competition at [www.character.org](http://www.character.org), and the state level competition at [www.youthcitizenship.org](http://www.youthcitizenship.org).

A formal announcement and presentation will be made during CYC's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Reaching Resolution Community Showcase on May 9, 2009 at 9:30am at California State University, Sacramento, in the Redwood Room.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Please call CYC at (916) 228-2322 for more information.

***Congratulations to Prairie Elementary!***

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