

# Virtue In Action™

*Connecting Virtues to Our World*



*Helping students:*

- *Learn the virtues*
- *Live out the virtues*
- *Become engaged citizens*

*Teachers don't have time to create character education lessons on their own and can't afford to push something out of the curriculum to make room for character. The timely and well-written Virtue in Action lessons enable teachers to do academics and build character- including social awareness, good judgment, and citizenship- in a single stroke".*

— TOM LICKONA, PH.D, CENTER FOR THE 4TH AND 5TH RS, SUNY, CORTLAND



## Virtue in Action Monthly Lessons Contain:

- Stories of current events, issues and famous personalities that illuminate a virtue
- Discussion Questions
- Writing Exercises

- Extended Learning Activities including:
  - Community service projects on the local, national and global levels
  - Team research and presentation projects
  - Links to elected officials
  - Other opportunities for participating in civic life
  - Vocabulary Enrichment

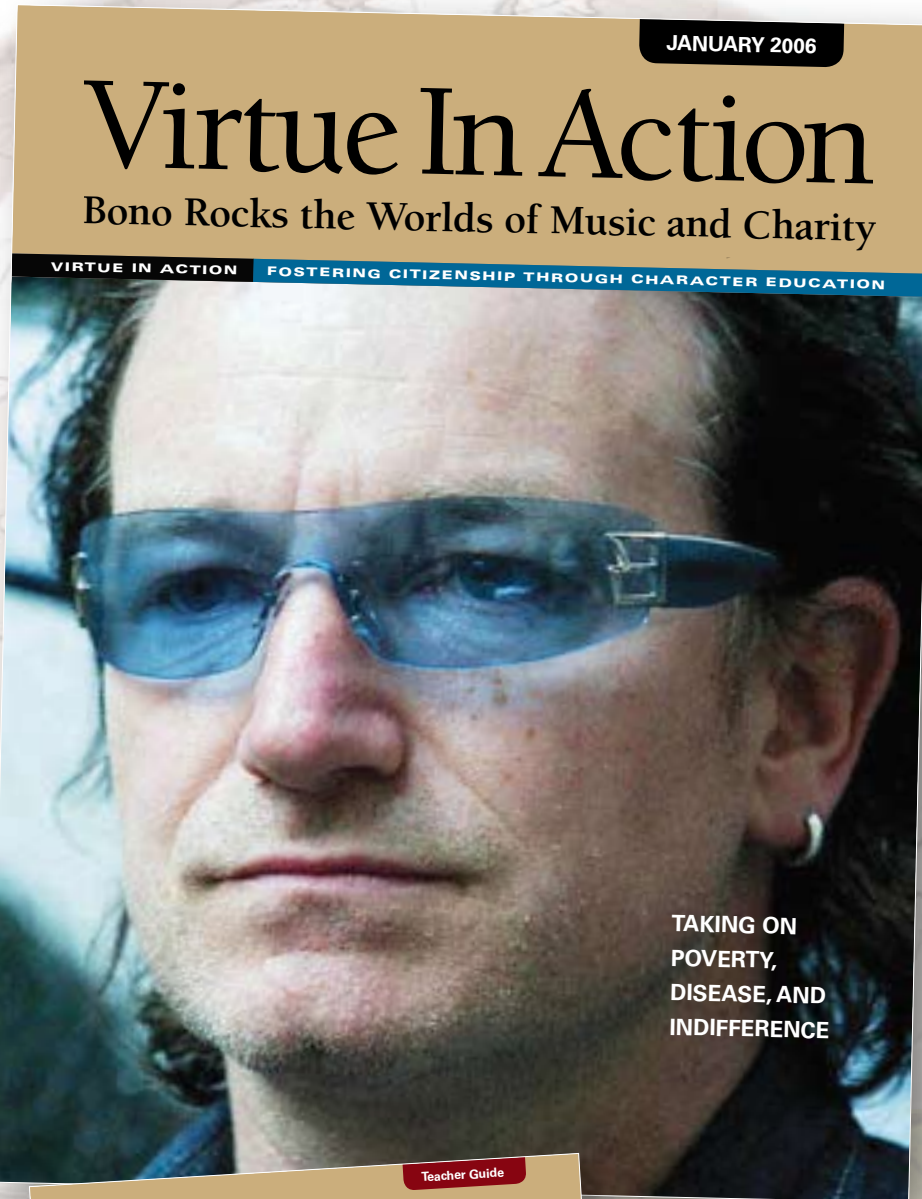
**Virtue in Action is an integral part of a school's commitment to character education that is easily incorporated into:**

- 6th to 12th grades
- English classes
- Social Studies classes
- Homeroom periods

**Lessons reinforce content standards in both the English and Social Studies curricula:**

- Reading comprehension
- Critical thinking
- Writing skills
- Vocabulary
- Listening and debating skills
- Research and presentation skills
- Current events and issues
- Geography
- Service learning in students' local, national, and global communities

# How Does Virtue in Action Inspire Students to Live out the Virtues and Become Engaged Citizens?



- By connecting virtues to current events, issues and people that students view as exciting and interesting
  - By showing students how the virtues are relevant to their lives. Discussion questions and journal writing challenge students to develop their own views on the virtues, and to connect the virtues to their personal lives, school environment, local, national and global communities.
  - By presenting extended learning activities, giving students opportunities to live out the virtues.
- Online Library provides:
- Definitions for virtues
  - Archived lessons
  - Research links



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Edison Schools has incorporated Virtue in Action over the past 5 years to teach character education in grades 6 – 12. The program has been used successfully in over 100 schools as a tool for generating real world discussions around character and ethics. . . . This program has also been incorporated in our work to improve listening and speaking skills essential in our middle grade language arts programming. Due to the design of the lessons and its real world content, cross curricular connections are easily made and allow for teachers to generate more solid understandings for students. I highly endorse the use of this product in schools, as it has certainly been an essential tool in our efforts to develop citizenship and leadership and emphasize universal value systems.

— PATRICK FLYNN, EDISON SCHOOLS

Teacher guide included in each issue

*“Virtue in Action has been an integral part of the everyday lesson plans in our district. Our schools use the program to help with State and Federal mandates... It goes without saying that Virtue in Action has been very effective and useful to teachers and students in our district.*

— GLEN GIANNETTI, SUPERINTENDENT,  
DISTRICT 206 HIGH SCHOOLS, ILLINOIS

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