

'No Cussing' Clubs Catching On With Kids



Maybe you have heard some of your friends use bad language. They might use words that are called curse words. Other people call them “cuss” words. These cuss words are words that parents and teachers don’t like to hear. The words are rude, and they can offend other people.

One boy in South Pasadena, California, didn’t like cussing either. He got tired of his friends using bad language. The boy, McKay Hatch, said his friends used so many bad words they didn’t even realize they were using them.

To help kids -- and adults -- stop using bad language, McKay started a No Cussing Club at his school. The kids in the club encourage themselves and other students not to use bad language. The club's message is clearly spelled out on its Web site:

*Ya wanna hang with us?
Don't cuss.*

NEWS WORD BOX

realize encourage
impressed intelligence
curse cussing offend

After a month, the club had 50 members. Now schools all over the U.S. and in different countries are starting No Cussing Clubs.

The mayor of South Pasadena was so impressed by the club that he declared the first week in March as “No Cussing Week” in the city. The special week will be celebrated every year so people will take time to think about bad language before they use it.

MORE FACTS ABOUT THE NO CUSSING CLUB

- The No Cussing Club’s motto is *I will leave people better than I found them.*
- Club kids take the No Cussing Challenge: “I won't cuss, swear, use bad language, or tell dirty jokes. Clean language is the sign of intelligence and always demands respect...”

THINK ABOUT THE NEWS

Some people think bad language is not a big deal.
“What’s all the fussing about cussing?” they ask.
How would *you* respond to those people?

