

Wylie ISD recognizes the importance of fostering ethical, responsible and caring young people through an emphasis on the core values of the Wylie ISD community. These core values are:

- Respect and Responsibility
- Caring and Giving
- Grit and Preparedness
- Gratitude and Celebration

These students are being recognized for excelling at one or more of these core values and for “Shining the Way” with good character the fourth nine weeks.

Student	Campus	Grade/Teacher	Teacher's Comments	Photo
Emory Reynolds	Akin Elementary	1 st grade Mrs. Clark	Emory has a heart of gold. She is thoughtful and caring to all. Her infectious smile brightens the room. She always has an encouraging word or sweet hug to offer. In her school work, she shows grit and perseverance in every task. She loves to be challenged and enjoys sharing her knowledge with others. She has a bright future ahead.	
Eric McCarrell	Birmingham Elementary	1 st grade Ms. Carter	Eric truly shows gratitude and celebration by always showing his excitement for the learning opportunities he is given at school. He loves celebrating other students' successes by telling them 'Good Job'. He strives to do his best and reach his goals in the classroom.	
Nubia Varela	Bush Elementary	Kindergarten Mrs. Mijangos	Nubia is a very kind and respectful student and classmate. She volunteers to help others in both her classes and is always polite and uses her manners. When other students are sad or in trouble, she is friendly and makes them feel better. She celebrates when her friends are successful in an assignment.	
Jerry John	Cox Elementary	Kindergarten Ms. Sample	Jerry always says 'Please' and 'Thank You' and participates in all activities with a positive attitude. He is an excellent role model for other students.	
Sadie Wehner	Dodd Elementary	1 st grade Ms. Coffman	Sadie's sweet and kind heart looks out for the friend who needs encouragement, and then she helps them see their potential and value. She comes to school ready to do and be her best. I can always count on her to exceed my expectations.	
Maryanne Medeiros	Groves Elementary	1 st grade Mrs. Ashley	Maryanne is always the first to comfort a friend when they are upset or to celebrate with a friend when they have accomplished something in the classroom. She loves to help others and even enjoys teaching her classmates things we are learning. She is always very respectful and well-mannered toward adults.	
Nathan Wagner	Hartman Elementary	1 st grade Ms. Jurden	Nathan is thoughtful to others. He is hardworking and has grit to finish assignments or rework incorrect answers. He stays positive even during these difficult times. He makes connections to what we are studying and is so excited to learn more. He never misses a 'thank you' and has excellent manners. He is the most delightful of students and very deserving of the Shining the Way award.	

Sara Sadi	Smith Elementary	Kindergarten Ms. Tallant	Sara is quick to show gratitude to her teachers and to her friends. I see Sara making cards and writing notes of appreciation to her friends to show her gratitude for them. She always encourages and celebrates the success of those in her class. Sara is a terrific example of what gratitude and celebration should be.	
Kevin Zhai	Tibbals Elementary	1 st grade Ms. Cooper	Kevin is always ready to offer kinds words and a helping hand. He is the first one to clap and cheer for peers to celebrate their accomplishments. He asked that food be given to the Christian Care Center in place of him receiving presents for his birthday. He donated nearly 200 items. He is a fine example of the Wylie Way.	
Makenzie Vacante	Watkins Elementary	1 st grade Mr. Jaso	Kenzie is kind to everyone and always has a smile on her face. She is always willing to help anyone who needs it. She celebrates others when they succeed and is a great example of the Wylie Way.	
Addison Taylor	Whitt Elementary	1 st grade Ms. Crim	Addy consistently uses manners within our classroom. She is proud of her friends when they do well and celebrates the accomplishments of those around her.	
Aiden Tyler	Davis Intermediate	6 th grade Ms. Brahimaj, Ms. Landry, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Heard	Aiden is so grateful for everything that is presented to him, even 'Think Through Math' which most of the other students hate. He loves it because he knows it will help him be a better math student. He always shows a positive attitude in class.	
Caroline Clark	Draper Intermediate	5 th grade Mrs. Gambill	Caroline exemplifies gratitude and celebration on a daily basis. She shows appreciation for others thoughts and actions in the classroom. She will go out of her way to make sure to congratulate others on their accomplishments.	
Maya Hassen	Harrison Intermediate	5 th grade Hayes	Maya is a pleasure to have in class. She is always celebrating other's accomplishments. She is a true cheerleader for others. She also exhibits gratitude when asking for help from the teacher or receiving help from other students.	
Esteban Figueroa	Burnett Junior High	8 th grade Mr. Patterson	Esteban is one of our top musicians in the Burnett Band and truly exemplifies characteristics of the Wylie Way. He is gracious, kind, and a strong leader for those around him. He shows his gratitude through his actions each day in class.	
Stephanie Esho	Cooper Junior High	8 th grade Mrs. Webster-Payne	Stephanie always wishes her entire class period 'good luck' every time we take a unit assessment. When a classmate shares how they did on any assignment or activity she congratulates them.	
Ryan Yi	McMillan Junior High	8 th grade Ms. Schultz, Mr. Horn, Dusty Holley	Ryan goes above and beyond to help out those around him. He is one of those students that remind a teacher why teaching is so rewarding. He is a fine gentleman and is a shining example of what we should all strive to be.	

Dakshesh Patel	Wylie East High School	9 th grade Ms. Cox	In my 6 years in Wylie, I have never met a child so thankful and happy to be here at school. He is always willing to cheer for his classmates, and always has a smile on his face. His positive attitude is infectious.	
Liz Harkins	Wylie East High School	9 th grade Thedford	Liz wrote an article that was published in the Connection Magazine. The community magazine published her story where she received her very first byline in a non-student media produced publication. She has set the bar high.	
Taya Smith	Wylie High School	12 th grade Ms. Haynes	Taya volunteered more than 20 hours of service in my LifeSkills classroom during the month of April. She worked with the students and played games with them during lunch. She supported the students in organizing their thoughts for their monthly newsletter and they dedicated the last page of their newsletter to her. She did a great job.	
Azaan Abdellatif	Wylie High School	9 th grade Ms. Hiddink	Azaan went from being angry all the time at the start of the year to being grateful and celebrating his successes each day. He has had a complete change of attitude and should be rewarded. He makes sure to say positive things to me each day.	