

## Shining the Wylie Way

2nd 9 Weeks 2014-2015

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 second nine weeks.

Student	Campus	Grade	Teachers' Comments	Photo
Dessa Vasili	Akin Elementary	3rd Teachers: Mrs. Peri Mrs. Herzog Mrs. Blake	Dessa has such a giving and caring heart. She showed compassion for the elderly when she planned a Christmas party at the local nursing home and plans to continue doing things to bring joy to the elderly in our community. She gave of her time during Christmas break to care for those in need. Dessa definitely exemplifies caring and grit and is a model student for the Wylie Way.	
Jayden Peter	Birmingham Elementary	2nd Teacher: Ms. Toma	He epitomizes a caring heart every day in our class. If someone is sad or hurt he is always the first one to go and comfort the student. He uses his hugs and kind words to cheer them up, including his teacher. He encourages and builds those around him up and is the first one to cheer on another student.	
Connor Eldridge	Cox Elementary	4th Teachers: Ms. Tartt Ms. Reiter	Connor Eldridge is a great example of the Wylie Way. He is a hard worker and always does his very best. He is kind to his classmates and always lends a helping hand when necessary. He is always prepared for class and truly cares about the work he does. In Math he is determined to be the best that he can be, even when things might be challenging. He never gives up and will do whatever it takes to be successful. In Reading he goes above and beyond and even found a way to make money off of the extra work he does. His teachers are blessed to have him in class and Cox Elementary shines brightly because of him.	
Jennifer McPherson	Dodd Elementary	3rd Teachers: Mrs. Reynolds Mrs. Schwartzkoph	Jennifer is a wonderful student who gives of herself and her time within her classrooms. She consistently shows her good will by helping other classmates and showing compassion towards them. If someone doesn't understand how to do something, she is the first to volunteer to help them out. By showing her concern towards others, I know she will go on to do great things.	

Riley Brock	Groves Elementary	3rd Teacher: Ms. Rios	Riley did not start the school year with us but she is definitely a great addition to our class. She is such a wonderful and caring student. She never hesitates to help others and I can always count on her to be a responsible leader when collaborating in groups. Riley is extremely attentive during lessons and always participates in class discussions. She has such a sweet and caring heart that all her friends and I adore her. I am more than blessed to be her third grade teacher this year. Riley is the Wylie Way.	
Logan Walp	Hartman Elementary	3rd Teacher: Ms. Rogers	Logan is an outstanding student. He cares about his education and the education of others. He is always willing to help classmates understand difficult concepts. He is a focused, hard-working student who minimizes off-task learning. He is a great example for others and a wonderful student to have in class.	
Nickey Higleman	Smith Elementary	3rd Teacher: Ms. Hathaway	Nickey is one of the most caring and giving students I have met. She is always showing respect, courtesy, and caring toward everyone she meets. Everyone in our class knows that Nickey truly cares about them and how they are doing. She is the first one to stop and help when someone drops something and the last one to leave to make sure the room is together. Nickey gives a good example of the Wylie Way each day.	
Jordan John	Tibbals Elementary	3rd Teacher: Ms. Swanson	Jordan is a great student. She is always working hard in class and is a great role model to other scholars. She is the first to volunteer to help out her fellow classmates when they are struggling and in need. Jordan personifies the Wylie Way here at Tibbals Elementary.	
Bleu Burnette	Watkins Elementary	3rd Teacher: Ms. Manning	Bleu is very caring and hardworking. She will offer to help another student who is struggling in the classroom, or will try to cheer up a student who is having a bad day. When doing a project in reading class, she brought extra supplies to share with others in case they didn't bring anything. She is the Wylie Way	
Abby Maxwell	Whitt Elementary	3rd Teacher: Ms. Turner	Abby is an exemplary student. She always puts others before herself. She is a team player who collaborates well with her fellow students to accomplish tasks. Abby is always kind and respectful to her teachers and classmates. She is a joy to have in class.	
Ahn Pham	Davis Intermediate	6th Teacher: Mr. Doherty	Ahn is a master of putting others first and is finding himself more and more respected and liked by his peers and teachers. He has found ways in all different kinds of situations to show others that he cares about them genuinely and is a prominent ambassador for the importance of collaboration & effective team work, even at his own expense. He has an uncanny sense of other's needs & isn't afraid to meet those needs in as many ways as he can.	

Zion Rockwell	Draper Intermediate	5th Teachers: Ms. Davison Ms. Sims Mr. Lemberg	In all my 18 years of teaching, I have never had a student ask if he could help in the lunchroom by handing out plastic ware & cleaning. Any student who volunteers to do this is a very special kid who cares about his school & gives his time to keep it clean. I have personally witnessed Zion give up his seat when others have sat down on it not knowing he was there. I even saw him calmly say "no big deal" when another student knocked over his tray. During class Zion is respectful to the other students and to me. He comes ready to learn and gives by helping the other children. He cares about his classmates- he will always help someone find their folder or pencil. He always has a great attitude and is always willing to help. His genuine kindness is refreshing.	
Noora Hosseni	Harrison Intermediate	6th Teacher: Ms. Lubojacky	Noora is one of the most caring and giving students I know. She comes in most mornings and gives her time by helping out in the classroom. If she sees a student who needs help she doesn't think twice about jumping in and helping. She is patient and kind to her peers and always has a smile on her face.	
Geronimo Saucedo	Burnett Jr. High	8th Teacher: Ms. Harris	Geronimo is always striving to do his best. He is kind to others and always willing to help. He is respectful to everyone he interacts with.	
Ashton Ford	Cooper Jr. High	8th Teacher: Principal Nauyokas	Ashton donated over 500 cans for the Christian Care Center Food Drive. He is a leader at Cooper Junior High and all of his teachers enjoy having him in their classes.	
Kacey Foley	McMillan Jr. High	8th Teacher: Ms. Stooksberry	Kacey has volunteered her own time, almost on a daily basis, to take under her wing one of our newest students to McMillan – Yensi Ayala. Yensi, one of our native Spanish speakers, came to McMillan several weeks ago knowing almost no English at all and trying to acclimate to an entirely new country and culture. Kacey has tirelessly befriended Yensi and is tutoring her in English during her time in AE in my class. Yensi has expressed to me how much she appreciates and likes Kacey and that she has already learned so much from her. I believe that Kacey exhibits these traits of caring and giving like no other student at McMillan. She deserves to receive this award. She is an excellent example to her peers.	
Marissa Hoiles	Wylie East High School	10 <sup>th</sup> Teacher: Ms. Arp	Marissa is a wonderful, caring student who exemplifies the Wylie Way. She is caring and giving in her every action, and I have greatly enjoyed having her in my homeroom. For the Wylie East Christmas project she baked sweet homemade goods and went door-to-door to sell them in her neighborhood. She was able to raise a significant amount of money and donated it all to purchase needed items for families in need. She is a go-getter and I am very proud of her selflessness. I wish all students were as thoughtful and giving as she is.	

Jacob Matassa	Wylie East High School	10 <sup>th</sup> Teacher: Ms. Arp	I am so impressed with Jacob. This December he wanted to help families in need to provide gifts and necessities for Christmas. Although he did not have any money himself, he came up with an idea of how he could help. Over the weekend he went to his grandparents' home and offered to change the brakes on their car, rotate the tires, clean out their attic, and mow their acre of land in exchange for \$200. He donated all of his hard, labor-intense work to purchase Christmas for other families. I was so proud of Jacob and he is definitely the Wylie Way. To top it all off, he was not boastful about what he had done – he did it for the cause not for the recognition. Way to go, Jacob.	
Viviana Barrera	Wylie East High School	10 <sup>th</sup> Teacher: Ms. Arp	Viviana although quiet in nature, is strong in presence. She has a servant heart and wants to help others. For the Christmas season, she baked homemade goods and sold them door-to-door in her neighborhood. She was able to raise over \$100 and donated all the money to purchase gifts for families in need. She is so thoughtful in her actions and I greatly appreciate the selflessness she demonstrates. She is a model of character. I am proud to have Vivi in my homeroom class this year.	
Angel Buenrostro	Wylie High School	12 <sup>th</sup> Teacher: Ms. West	Angel is part of my Art II class and part of the National Art Honor Society. I have known him for two years. He is one of the most caring people I have ever known. I have seen him volunteer many house in NAHS to care for children, clean, buy snacks, work with teams to create and organize activities. He has a humble spirit and generously gives of his time and money for anyone he encounters, even when he has little money or time for himself. I truly think he would give the shirt off his back if he thought someone needed it. And no matter how rough a day he is having, he still offers each person a warm smile. I hope before he leaves WHS this outstanding man is acknowledged. I know all those who shared time with him would agree that he is definitely a light in our lives.	
Aubrey Scott	Wylie High School	12 <sup>th</sup> Teacher: Ms. Kirkpatrick	Aubrey has been my student library aide since the beginning of the year. She is the model student for "Caring and Giving". Anything I ask of her she does without complaint. For example, I asked her to create a bulletin board. She had it done the next day and it was beyond my expectations. One morning I was alone working the circulation desk. Aubrey saw that I was swamped, came behind the desk and started helping students on her own time without me even asking. Anytime a student needs help, she is willing to lend a hand with questions they might have. She is a joy to be around and never has an unkind word to say about anyone. I hope you consider Miss Scott for the Shining the Way.	
Kurstin Rodriguez	Achieve Academy	11 <sup>th</sup> Teacher: Ms. DeMarais	Kurstin exemplifies a caring and compassionate leader. She goes out of her way to include and encourage others. Eager to help those in need and quick to offer suggestions for service projects, Kurstin took the lead when she and her classmates organized a bear drive benefiting the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. Additionally, when she heard the story of a local boy suffering from cancer who loved getting Christmas cards, she suggested we get involved. As a result, numerous students participated in creating cards. Kurstin exemplifies Caring and Giving...she is the Wylie Way.	