

Do the Right Thing Awards

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The following are the actual submissions for the Highland School DTRT award. Submissions are made by adults within the school who witness selfless acts of kindness.

Melanie Stein- 3rd grade

This student brings a tremendous amount of positivity to our classroom every day. She has a great head on her shoulders and is always willing to lend a helping hand to both peers' and adults. As a third grade student, she has the maturity and sophistication of a young lady. She comes to school each day, with a bright smile on her face, always working hard each and every day. This student goes above and beyond to help her classmates, whether it is academically, or socially. This student has a tremendous amount of patience. She is very intuitive and aware of what her classmates are feeling. Not only is she aware of what her peers' are feeling, but she channels that awareness into action. She speaks up for those who are afraid to. She is always looking out for her classmates, and is a great friend to every student in our class. This student is selfless. Meaning she puts the needs of others before herself and she is always willing to go the extra mile to make someone's day a little brighter. She is such a great student and young girl. It is our honor and privilege that we nominate.....



Tasneem Alhomsy – 5th grade

This student has a kind heart, exudes positivity, and always greets people with a warm and happy smile. She is always willing to help a teacher or a peer in need. She is extremely compassionate and is a friend to all. She is especially friendly with one student in particular and makes sure to include him and play games that they both enjoy during recess. She excitedly greets him every day and invites him to play with her friends. She also teaches him new games and is patient with him as he learns how to play them.

She goes out of her way to say hello to other students in the hallway and high fives them every time she sees them. One student even said, "Playing with (her) is so much fun! I really like playing games with her during recess. She is the best friend!". This student went so far as to find her friends (who was sick at home) teacher and ask that the teacher tell him that she hopes he feels better soon.

Her kindness and positivity are contagious. This student does the right thing every day by including others, accepting everyone as they are, and being kind. For these reasons, I would like to nominate this student for a do the right thing award.



Riley Wolfe-3rd grade

The student I would like to nominate for a DTRT award advocates for herself and makes decisions that are in her best interest. For example, when she was sitting next to two of her classmates who were talking, she politely asked them to stop so she could concentrate on the book she was reading. When they continued to distract her, this student didn't run to the teacher. Instead, she got up and moved herself to a quieter location. She didn't get mad at her classmates for talking. In fact, she does not get upset with anyone. She genuinely cares for all of the individuals in her class and exudes kindness. She has an easy-going, positive attitude. She wants to do her best and she utilizes great strategies to help her persevere through challenging tasks. I have never seen this student have a day where she isn't smiling. She comes into school each day ready to work and learn. She exceeds expectations in the effort she puts forth daily. For these reasons and more, I would like to nominate:



Lianis Rodriguez -5th grade

This young lady always comes to school with a smile on her face and greets everyone in her class each morning. Even if she is having a tough time, she is kind and thinks about the people around her. She works hard and perseveres in her schoolwork even when others around her have given up. She is unfailingly kind. She is always there to lend a helping hand to a friend or a teacher without being asked. Even when other students aren't treating her with that same kindness and respect, she goes above and beyond to help. She persists in doing the right thing even when she thinks no one is watching, which is a true mark of her good character. She should be very proud of herself and I want her to know that I have seen all her good deeds. It's for these reasons that this student should receive the Do-the-Right Thing award.



Caleb Hosier- 6th grade

Consistency. It's not the most exciting word in the English language. We tend to take for granted the things that are always there: a ready smile, polite manner, and steady work ethic that produces results. This student has all these qualities and more. He has an inquisitive mind and truly enjoys new ways of looking at things. He seeks information when he needs it, but is never needy. If someone drops their things, he's up out of his chair, gathering up pencils before anyone else even notices. His writing is impeccable. His homework is always done. He never makes excuses. This young man holds himself to a high standard, competing only with himself. His consistent excellence is an example to every student at Highland School and for that he absolutely deserves a Do-the-Right Thing award.



Riley Butler- 5th grade

This person is an incredible role model and a very diligent student. She comes to school every day with a smile and sets a positive example. She is always willing to work with anyone and will readily add them to her circle of friends when necessary.

Recently, this student had some special magnets on her locker that were taken by another student in the school. Instead of getting angry and seeking revenge this student decided to take a different approach - She decided to not only forgive the student, but take the time to purchase new magnets for the student who had stolen hers. When asked why she did this kind gesture she replied, " Well, I guess I thought that maybe they wanted the magnets and that they meant something to them so I thought I could get them magnets of their own." This act is surprising but not if you know the student or her family. This student is always kind, the type of person who goes out of their way for anyone including a stranger.



Mr. Weis- Tic Toc

Mr. Weis has dedicated the last 30 years to Highland School as an integral part of the Tic Toc program. He speaks to the 6th grade monthly about art appreciation. But it goes beyond that – his life lessons, patience, and the example he sets make him a much appreciated part of the Highland Community. A role model we can all aspire to.

