

# Highland Do the Right Thing

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The following are the actual submissions for the Highland School DTRT award which were presented in front of the entire school and read aloud during an assembly. Students who are nominated are then called up to the front of the gym with a theme song playing and student applause to receive their deserved T-shirt and a firm handshake from the Principal. Submissions are made by adults within the school who witness selfless acts of kindness or consistent behavior worthy of a role model in the school building.

# Christian Estevez



Helps his **C**lassmates when they are lost

**H**appy to be at school

Takes his time on eve**R**y test and assignment

Remembers every**I**ng that was taught previously and applie**S** it to his learning

At**T**entive always

**I**nclusive of everyone

**A**lways looking to learn

**N**ever gives up

We are proud to recommend...

# James Dench

I would like to recommend this student for “Do the Right Thing”. He comes in every morning, ready to learn. He quickly and quietly unpacks, does his lunch count/attendance and checks for morning work. He does all this without having to be prompted or reminded.

This student is always ready to learn and listens to directions the first time they are given. He asks for clarification if needed and then begins the activity. He takes his time and strives for accuracy.

This person is always focused and consistently does his best. He voluntarily takes on any task, no matter how challenging. He tries to problem solve and, if he can't, he does not become frustrated but instead asks for guidance, and then continues with his work. Upon finishing an activity he is always willing to help/guide other students who need assistance. This student does it quietly – not looking for any praise or attention.

Having an excellent work ethic does not define him. He is not one to complain about other students, but will stand up for himself/others if he thinks something is wrong. He is always considerate of others, has a great sense of humor, and always finds something to smile about.

For these reasons and more, I would like to nominate.....



# Mia Chiodo

This student went above and beyond for her class. The 6th graders were competing to see which of their artist's renditions of 'Washington Crossing the Delaware' was best. Knowing that only completed pieces of art would be judged, this young lady covered for two classmates who did not finish the assignment or were absent, thus making her entire class eligible for the competition. The prize was a free Social Studies period, which was won by Ms. Edwards' class. She is a wonderful kid who was thinking of others and not just herself, and for that she is worthy of a DTRT award. And because of her effort and selflessness, her homeroom will also now get a free SS period.

We would like to nominate...



# Chia Hashimoto



From **th**e moment she passes through the door,

She's present and **re**ady to learn.

And while **sh**e's inquisitive and eager,

She always waits her turn.

**H**er respect for others is refreshing;

She's courteous and kind to all.

Her work **i**s always done with pride;

She's routinely on the ball.

During lessons, you see her wheels go 'round;

Her goal--to always understand.

She's **m**ature, dedicated, and focused

And always lends a helping hand.

With expectations set already high,

Her strive for excellence is undeniable.

She consistently goes **ab**ove and beyond;

She's diligent, organized, and reliable.

We're incredibly **gr**ateful to teach her,

On her efforts we can always depend.

She's truly a role **m**odel for others;

Plus she's an excellent friend.

We would like to nominate....

# Brick Morris

This student is a ray of sunshine in our classroom. Each day he arrives with a smile on his face, ready to take on the day. We have both had the pleasure of having this student prior to this year and though he is getting older, taller, and even smarter, the one thing that remains unchanged is who he is on the inside. He has always been kind, caring, and giving to others. He has always been the first to volunteer to help a friend and the last to put himself first. He is funny and has a sense of light-heartedness about him that you just can't help but notice. He is just an all around joy!

Our nomination for the DTRT award goes out to.....



# Leena Alhomsy



This student came to mind for Do the Right Thing because she is always kind and polite. In addition, she is respectful to not only her teachers, but her classmates as well. She is open to working with any of her classmates and is patient with whoever she is working with. She comes to school ready to work hard and is willing to put in the extra practice to get better.

This is why we would like to nominate...

# Leo Tirico



We are nominating this fourth-grade student for the Do The Right Thing Award. He has been working hard to learn and puts in the effort to complete classwork and homework. He is kind and respectful to his peers and adults. He works very hard each day and can be relied on to stay on task during group settings. He is well-liked by his peers and teachers. He can be seen helping his classmates without calling attention to himself. Often, this student's kindness goes unnoticed by his peers. He has taken full responsibility in his role as a student since day one of fourth grade. He always appreciates any opportunities that could expand his learning experience. As his teachers, we feel so lucky to have him as our student. He is a quiet presence in our classroom and flies under the radar looking for no accolades.

We would like to nominate...



# George Nazarian



This student always comes to math class prepared and ready to work. He always has a smile on his face. He is constantly looking out for his classmates, reminding me to wait to start an activity if they went to the bathroom or aren't ready to move on. He is constantly raising his hand, answering questions, asking questions, and working hard. He is the kind of student who always says hi when he sees you and asks how your weekend was. He is a true example of what it means to Do the Right Thing even when no one is watching.

# Vincent Aufiero



While playing highly competitive wall ball outside at recess, in fact it was the daily super bowl of wall ball with emotions peaking and tempers flaring, but one boy, in the heat of the competitive struggle, when he got that dirty yellow tennis ball, stopped, walked calmly over to another student who had not gotten a chance to get the ball and gave it to him so he could have a turn. Nobody, including himself said a word, and I do not think anyone even recognized it, because it was so calmly done. I was happy to see that even in the wall ball daily Superbowl, this young man was thinking of one of his peers. Technically by giving the ball to another boy and allowing him to throw it against the wall is making him out, but that is beside the point. He was looking out for a classmate.

For that reason I would like to nominate...



# Zuzanna Konarzewski

This student is a ray of sunshine. She is kind. She is thoughtful. She is supportive of others as she is always looking out for her friends. She is extremely polite, using manners without ever being told to. This is a student who exudes love and kindness to everyone that she comes into contact with. Recently, when asked “what is the greatest gift she has ever received?”, she replied with “my parents”. She is a responsible student, doing her work without complaint even when it may be hard, asking for help when she needs it, and taking ownership and responsibility for her hearing technology and equipment that she uses in school. It has been a long road for this student to become who she is today, but she has taken every step with grace and determination to succeed. She does not back down at any challenge that life throws in her path. She displays empathy and never has to think twice about doing the right thing!

# Kayla James



This student is the definition of a hard worker. She takes pride in all of her work. Whether it is making note cards or seeking extra help and asking questions, she is always pushing herself to get better. She brings that tenacity to the sports she plays as well (3 sport star). She is focused and engaged and TRYING her best, which is all we ask. Keep bringing the positive energy and good things will happen to.....



# Benny

We would like to recommend this particular member of our Highland community for a Do The Right Thing Award. All year this member has really made it a point to help anyone they come in contact with throughout the day.

They greet friends either in the hallways, on the playground or in the classrooms with true enthusiasm. He has such a warm energy that makes everyone feel special in so many situations. His ability to make someone's day without saying a word is just uncanny. We have seen him cheer up friends who have been crying or others that were really angry. He walks into a room and instantly students feel the need to greet him with a "hello" and a smile. He is a very good listener and he provides comfort to anyone who needs the support. He always does his best to follow directions and rarely needs to be redirected twice. He takes his appearance very seriously and is quite well groomed. He gives both students and teachers a real sense of calm. He never asks for credit but loves the occasional treat or a tummy rub. He is a newer member of the Highland family and we think it is safe to say that our school would not be the same without our furry friend...