

October Character Trait is: Alertness

“Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right responses”

Elementary School Winners

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School

Connor O’Daire

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Harvey

“Connor is an excellent example of an alert student. Connor is always right on track and doing exactly what he should be doing. He is an excellent peer to other students in the room. Connor is so alert he can be reading a book and know that I have written something on the board and be ready for that transition before even me. Connor moves quickly and quietly in all assignments and activities. Connor is an excellent student and I would be thrilled to teach 20 Connors every day.”

Davis Park Elementary School

Christian Erskine

2nd Grade

Nominated by: Ms. McLin

“Christian is always very supportive to other peers in his classroom. He is usually the one to notice when someone has done a good deed or completed a difficult task. His kind words towards other students also show how he makes the right responses. He is a good friend to students and is usually a positive influence. I am proud to nominate Christian.”

Deming Elementary School

Kamri Johnson

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Mr. White

“Kamri is an active learner, and she come to school with a smile on her face. Her hand is up in class ready to answer any question. She has an outward drive to be an active part of the learning environment. This includes academic and social parts. Kamri is an amazing friend to her classmates. Her smile is contagious, and she is always encouraging her peers. She gives her best and that inspires others. By being an active and alerts member of the classroom Kamri is a true Deming Star.”

DeVaney Elementary School

Isabelle McBride

1st Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Meehan

"Isabelle is one of the most alert first grade students I have ever encountered! At the beginning of each year we spend lot of time practicing how to be attentive and good listeners. Isabelle could have taught the class those lessons because she walked into our classroom on the first day of school as an alertness expert. She's a watcher. She watches everything the teacher does in the classroom and anticipates what will come next. This means that Isabelle is always prepared for activities and ready to share her thoughts about what we're working on. All of that alertness sure makes a teacher's job easier. Isabelle shows the same alertness while doing her school work. She has the amazing ability to block out external noise and stimuli. When working on a job in the classroom, she is completely focused and works until she finishes the task. We feel very fortunate to have Isabelle as part of our classroom this year."

Dixie Bee Elementary School

Valentina Andrade

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Dillon's Class

"Our class discussed and voted for who we thought portrayed the character trait of Alertness, We have decided on Valentina because:

- She is always aware of what is happening
- Always on task giving good examples when others can't think of something
- She always listens to what the teacher is saying and when Mrs. Dillon calls on her, she answers without hesitation.
- Valentina is 'On it' at all times, often giving answers and being a good role model to her peers"

Farrington Grove Elementary School

Hailey McIntire

2nd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Jahn

"Even when those around her are talking or not following direction, Hailey is aware of what is expected of her. She is always on task and prepared. Despite distraction (and there are a lot around her!) She is always doing what she should be doing. Whether it's independent class work, partner projects, indoor recess, participating in discussions, following instructions, etc; Hailey can always be counted on to be focused and do the right thing. She even helps those around her when they are not paying attention, haven't heard the directions and have fallen behind. Other teachers and classroom volunteers have even noticed how focused she remains when those around her are not. She's a great example to the rest of the students of maintaining control and focus no matter what others around you are doing."

Fayette Elementary School

Charlie Roach

2nd Grade

Nominated By: Mrs. Leslie

"Charlie is the definition of attentiveness. From the moment he walks in the door, Charlie gives his teacher his full undivided attention. He listens for directions and carries out the actions right away. Charlie never needs to be told twice what to do a task in or out of the classroom. His attentiveness does not stop with teachers. He is very attentive whenever his peers are talking or presenting a project. Charlie is just an awesome student."

Fuqua Elementary School

Diamond Williams

5th Grade

Nominated by: Miss Fulson

"We live in a world where it is very difficult to focus on the world around us. Most people are so caught up in their day to day activities and their own feelings, they rarely take the time to stop and notice those around them. This person does not have that problem. From the Day that I met her she has shown herself to be a kind and caring soul always looking out for those around her and making sure that everyone is being taken care of. She is aware of her surroundings and the first to offer a helping hand to a classmate or teach in need. It is my honor to give this character award to Diamond who doesn't do any of these things for attention, but just because she is a kind and caring girl."

Hoosier Prairie Elementary School

Eme Piloni

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Rush

"Eme is the student that others rely on when they aren't sure what to do. She is able to restate oral direction, and always stays on track during lessons. Eme always answers questions and adds excellent comments to discussions. She listens when friends are speaking to her and keeps the conversation going by asking questions and adding her own comments. Eme is quick to learn expectations and routines, but if the expectations and routines haven't been explained or practiced, she observes and does exactly what is necessary. I'm pleased to nominate Eme Piloni for the character trait of Alertness."

Lost Creek Elementary School

Coen Olexa

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mr. Wright

"Coen is an alert student who attends regularly in class. I can count on him to keep track of work and be responsible for various tasks. He works hard each day becoming a role model for his peers. Coen is a conscientious student who exhibits mature behavior and self-control. These advanced social skills will help him in the future endeavors."

Meadows Elementary School

DeRaye Blakely

1st Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Sutliff

"I am so excited to nominate DeRaye for the character trait of 'Alertness!' DeRaye is such a sweet and caring young man and is very aware of what is going on around him. He knows exactly how to respond to different situations with students and adults alike. The music teacher told me that he always gives her a hug at the end of class and thank her for teaching him about music! He notices how others are feeling and is quick to try and cheer them up or encourage them. DeRaye is a great friend because he pays attention to those around him. He is so kind and caring and just an all around great kiddo! I am so happy that DeRaye is in the class and I am so proud of him! Way to go DeRaye!"

Ouabache Elementary School

Matthew Otieno

1st Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Woodason

"Matthew is a perfect candidate for this character award for many reasons. Matthew always follows directions and respects authority. He is almost always the first person to put his supplies away and sit quietly on the rug. He is an outstanding reader and enjoys reading to and with others. He is always alert to the situations. He knows what specials we are having, what time we switch groups, which group he is in at all times. Matthew works independently or in a group and always listens to the thought of his peers. Matthew is an enthusiastic learner and loves to do art. Maybe his love for Disney and Woody from Toy Story, contribute to his great character. He is a kind thoughtful student who always takes others into consideration. Alertness is a tough character trait for a first grader and I believe Matthew stands out in this category! This is definitely a student who is going 'To infinity and Beyond'! Thank you, Matthew for being a ROCKSTAR in first grade and keep up the good work!"

Love, Mrs. Woodason."

Riley Elementary School

Travis Marshall

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Ms. Bogle

"Travis is doing a wonderful job in the third grade in so many areas, and one of those is being alert. He is aware of what is taking place around him in the classroom, on the playground, in encore classes, and in the cafeteria so that he can have the right responses. One classmate stated that Travis helped mend a friendship by intervening and bringing the two friends back together. Others have reported that Travis is quick to notice when someone needs supplies and searches for what they are missing. I can't imagine our class without Travis. His cheerful readiness to help us all is essential to our day running smoothly. Thank you, Travis!"

Rio Grande Elementary School

Jayce Young

4th Grade

Nominated by: Miss. Curley

"Jayce keeps his eyes and ears open in all situations. He is ready to respond in the appropriate way in and out of the classroom. He recognizes and heeds warning signals and takes correct action. Jayce chooses to do right before he is tempted to do the wrong thing. Jayce warns others of danger. Jayce stays away from unsafe places and tell other students to do the same. Jayce is truly aware of what is taking place around him in and out of the classroom."

Sugar Creek Consolidated Elementary School

Alexis Sappingfield

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Pearson

"I am very proud to nominate Alexis for this month's character trait of alertness. Alexis is always very alert and aware of what's going on around her in the classroom. She can identify when others are not making good choices, and she tries to get them to do the right thing before they get in trouble. Alexis is also able to identify when her peers are upset, and she helps them cope with their situation. She is always quick to help and comfort others. Alexis, I am so very proud of you for the great girl that you are!
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Sugar Grove Elementary School

Colbie Drake

2nd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Fuqua

Colbie is a very sincere and compassionate little girl. When she does something, it is always done with a lot of heart behind it. She gets very concerned with things going on with her classmates. When someone is upset due to things that happen both in and out of the classroom, she first asks what is wrong with them and then tries to mediate the problem. She can pick up on even the tiniest of cues from her friends. Colbie even knows the right things to say to bring a smile to everyone's face. Her spunky personality shines bright and she doesn't let anyone bring her down. She tells the silliest jokes if someone needs to be cheered up. She will lend a hug if they are sad and she even helps with school work if they are struggling. Colbie is a wonderful candidate to represent us from the character trait of alertness."

Terre Town Elementary School

Kaylee Avary

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Ms. Moore

"Kaylee is very alert and aware of her surroundings at all times. She recognizes who needs help in the classroom and wants to help them when they are struggling. I find that to be one of Kaylee's strengths. Kaylee strives to follow directions and the rules as much as she can. When she does not, she is quick to

apologize and makes better choices. I can always count on Kaylee to be listening even when I think she is not.”

West Vigo Elementary School

Sofia Smith

1st Grade

Nominated by: Miss Cottom

“Wow! Where do I begin? Sofia exhibits alertness to a T. She always has her eyes watching, ears listening, voice quiet, and body still. She listens attentively and is aware of her surroundings, which is especially important in 1st grade. Sofia’s ability to be alert is the reason her grades are going up! I often use her as a role model in class. She’s like a sponge! She has the ability to absorb information taught and use it to grow in her academics. I can’t wait to see where Sofia goes in her future! 😊”

Middle School Winners

Honey Creek Middle School

Kate Davis

7th Grade

Nominated By: MVP Team

“It’s wonderful having a chance to recognize Kate for just the perfect character quality- Alertness. Kate comes to school, ready to learn. She does her work knowing how important it is to be prepared for class and be able to participate. Kate notices when others don’t. She is sensitive to the needs of others around her and will either take it upon herself to prompt classmates what page the class is on, give them pencil or paper, or keep them motivated in group work. Kate does all these without judgement or seeking praise.

Kate is someone whose name can be left for a substitute to be the help, and she attuned to what others in class are experiencing. Kate has been an asset letting teachers know how they can help someone who is struggling.

Kate Davis is a fine, young lady and exemplifies the quality of alertness.”

Otter Creek Middle School

Cailey Cummins

7th Grade

Nominated by: Purple Team

“Cailey is an amazing student who pays attention in all of her classes. She is able to follow along and assist her classmates when they are confused. Cailey is also an advocate for herself when it comes to needing extra assistance and this is in part because of her alertness in the classroom. Not only is she alert when it comes to classwork, but she is also in tune with her classmates. Since she is aware of those

around her, Cailey has been helpful when it comes to cheering up those around her and helping to improve their day.”

Sarah Scott Middle School

Alexandra Cognata

8th Grade

Nominated by: 8th Grade Team

“ Miss Alex is a perfect student to earn the character trait of alertness. Alex always comes into first hour cheerful and has a pleasant greeting first thing in the morning. Alex is always alert and attentive to the instructions/activity going on during class. She comes to class daily with all of her materials and is always ready to focus once class begins. Alex also shows that she is alert by participating in the activities and asking great questions. She works easily with other student s and is able to notice and help them when they have an error in their work. Alex is well aware of deadlines/timelines for assignments and projects and allocated her time appropriately to complete each task.”

West Vigo Middle School

Seth Warnock

7th Grade

Nominated by: 7th Grade Team

“Seth can be counted on to make good choices and respond appropriately to his environment. He’s a positive role model for her peers and he is a joy to teach. He is a great conversationalist, and he demonstrated maturity in his actions and demeanor. Seth is alert and focused on doing well in 7th grade, and this is reflected in his thoughtful daily discussions and accurate, punctual school work. You can just tell Seth is being raised well, because he stands out as a fine young man who knows right from wrong. His alertness will serve him well in life!”

Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Sophira Earl

6th Grade

Nominated by: 6-2 Dream Team

“With the first bell of a school morning sounding, the hallways fill with loud talking, laughter and the sound of middle schoolers hustling their way. They typical middle school students are focused on friends, fun and the world they have at the tap of their cell phones. When students enter the classroom, it can sometimes be difficult to transition. Getting students to be excited about being a student can sometimes feel like an impossible mission. Sophira Earl is a teacher’s dream!

Sophie put being attentive to teachers first and foremost. Teachers can count on Sophie to attend to the business of being a great student. She makes eye contact, engages in discussion, follows directions, and is fully engaged in learning activities. She is a great role model! She shows respect and appreciation

through her attentiveness. Her teachers are proud to nominate Sophie for the Mayor's character award."

High School Winners

Booker T. Washington High School

Ariel Cruz

12th Grade

Nominated by: School Staff

"Ariel Cruz has a big personality and a good hearted laugh that is contagious! She is very aware of what is taking place in our school community at all times. We can always count on her to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of each school day with a beautiful speaking voice. Ariel is very sensitive to the needs of her friend. Whenever she suspects that one of her friends is experiencing difficulty at school or at home, she works diligently to support that friend in any way possible. Ariel is equally alert when it comes to supporting her teachers and other staff members. She genuinely cares about all of the people in our school.

Ariel is a very capable student, but, like many, she struggles with meeting her assignment deadlines. She is working very hard to better manage her study time as her graduation day is quickly approaching. Recently, she made the wise decision to miss an optional field trip so that she can catch up on overdue work. This shows that she was clearly aware of her responsibilities and willing to make the right choice to meet those responsibilities. Congratulations, Ariel, for being alert and ready to take on the challenges that the world has to offer in the future."

McLean High School

Deven Bolton

11th Grade

Nominated by: Mr. Rupska

"Deven is attentive and observant during class and always has something to add to the daily discussion and goings-on in the room. He is mindful and alert when it comes to answering questions or sharing perspective during class time. These are all reasons why Deven is a perfect nomination for the Alertness Character Award!"

Terre Haute North Vigo High School

Jarrett Barnes

9th Grade

Nominated by: Ms. Walker

"When I see Jarett in English class, he is always alert and attentive. Jarrett is conscientious of completing his assignments and is working as expected in the classroom. He always participated and gives excellent responses."

Terre Haute South Vigo High School

Cassidy Hunt
12th Grade

Nominated By: Mr. Myers

"Cassidy is a very conscientious person who pays close attention to what is being taught and is not afraid to ask for assistance if there is something she doesn't understand. Once she has learned a task she is willing to help other students who may not have fully understood the task at hand. When questions are asked, Cassidy can be counted on to have the answer to the questions because she has remained alert during the teaching of that task. Cassidy is humble and does not want a lot of attention about when she does but she is constantly striving to do better and to learn more.

Cassidy is a co-leader for the Females in Technology Club at Terre Haute South and as a co-leader, she has to remain aware of what is taking place within the organization and she must remain aware of approaching deadlines or the organization's activities and get the help needed to complete the activities the FIT Club is involved with.

Cassidy is also a member of the Prairieton Volunteer Fire Department. She assists in emergency situations and in order to do what needs to be done properly, Cassidy must be alert and focused on what needs to be done and when it needs to be done.

I highly recommend Cassidy Hunt for the October Character Award for Alertness. Thank you for considering Cassidy for this award. Cassidy is very deserving of it."

West Vigo High School

Jacob Dean
10th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Balliett

"He is always willing to lend a hand to his fellow student that need help. He is always finding this left behind and trying to find their owner. Jacob is always in a positive mood even when there are others around who are not positive. He has an outstanding character that will always keep him on the right track, even if others would try to steer him off."