

September 2018: Honor

“Respecting those in leadership because of the higher authorities they represent.”

Elementary School Winners

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School

Jackson Schommer

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Edington

“Jackson follows directions from any adult in the building whether it’s cafeteria staff, recess staff, or a teacher. He is respectful to adults in his behavior and his words. He answers respectfully when spoken to and when moving around the building. Jackson is a perfect example of Honor.”

Davis Park Elementary School

Aiden Barnett

2nd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Chagares

“Aiden is an amazing role model for his peers. He is always on task and demonstrates great respect in his actions, behavior and work. Even when walking alone in the hallway, Aiden can be counted on to be responsible and to follow school rules. Aiden addresses everyone in the respectful and kind manner and strived to follow directions of his teacher, and other adults in the building, everyday. It is truly a pleasure having Aiden in our classroom.”

Deming Elementary School

Braydon Bell

4th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. T. McCarty

“Braydon comes in every morning with a smile on his face and a warm greeting to those in the classroom. Not only does he show honor to myself as his teacher, but he shows honor to every student in the class. Braydon is always the first to have materials out and ready for the first time it is asked of him. He does anything that he is asked to do and he does it with a smile on his face. The respect he has for adults shines off of him and anyone around him can see it. We are proud to have Braydon in our classroom and nominate his for the September Character trait of honor.”

DeVaney Elementary School

Jacee Hann

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Back

“In a short time, Jacee has shown that she exhibits all of the characteristics of honor. Jacee, a new student to DeVaney, has quickly and enthusiastically embraces our school’s pledge, rules, and procedures. I have witnessed her walking quietly in our halls, cleaning up after other students, getting to work quickly during lessons, and often raising her hand to remind other of classroom expectations. She is quick to recognize teachers around school and give them the respect that is necessary. She is an attentive listener to the thought and ideas of her classmates. Jacee is a wonderful addition to our classroom and a role model to others.

Dixie Bee Elementary School

Jay Huebner

2nd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Hampton

“Jay is a very respectful and works hard each day to follow our classroom rules. He consistently show respect to his classmates and to teacher and other adults that are in the school. Jay us a good friend to his classmates and he is someone that others can trust to tell the truth and make the right choice. I am so happy to have Jay in my classroom this year.”

Farrington Grove Elementary School

Jeffery Cork

4th Grade

Nominated by: Ms. Linda Depsey

“Jeffery is one of the most respectful children I know. Whether interactive with an adult or peer, he is respectful. He listens to other when they are speaking to him and never interrupts. He appreciates those who are going through difficult situations, while listening with an open mind. He is kind in so many ways. I recall a time when Jeffery was accused of doing something that he didn’t go. Another adult was talking to him about the situation. He was polite and honest, all while looking at the adult in the face. He never once spoke badly about the person who falsely accused him of something. Nor was he defensive when talking to the adult. I was proud of Jeffery and always am. Jeffery is quiet during announcements, stands for the Pledge, and respects all people. Jeffery is an excellent role model and very deserving of this nomination.”

Fayette Elementary School

Akali Rawley

Kindergarten

Nominated By: Mrs. Teresa Maher

“Akali shows honor in the fact that she is always very respectful to everyone. She gives her full attention to other when they are speaking. She remembers to raise her hand and takes her turn to speak or participate in classroom activities. Akali is thoughtful and thorough about what she does. She is careful to make sure her work is complete and neatly done. She will even take extra time to go back and correct any errors. She has a positive attitude and helpful actions. She does little extra things without being asked or seeking attention, like making sure the chairs are all pushed in or centers are tidy and organized after being used. She is willing to lend a helping hand especially to those who are in need.

Akali treats people in a special way that let her friends and teachers know she is interested and cares about them. She even took the time at home to make a birthday card for a classmate and then presented it to her the next day along with a birthday wish. I look forward to her friendly smile and “good morning” each and every day. She is definitely a role model for others. I am very proud of Akali and happy to be her teacher.”

Fuqua Elementary School

Carmelina Cottrell

1st Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Sarah Kelty

“This young lady has come to the first grade with exceptional good manners, exhibiting patience and consideration for others. Her Respect for school traditions is evident as she works throughout the school day. She listens carefully, gives others the chance to speak, and wait respectfully for classmates to share ideas or answer questions. She is quietly prepared for each subject area change we make, giving consideration to adults who are working to help others finish up. She is able to complete work, make great choices, to keep herself challenged and on task, and remain thoughtful and helpful with classmates. Whether sharing in a group or listening as other do so, she is unfailingly respectful. In ways both large and small, she makes every effort to help others. This quiet contribution makes and incredibly positive impact on our classroom environment. I consider her a wonderful role model in room 2. She is truly a pleasure to have in class.”

Hoosier Prairie Elementary School

Addison Reed

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Melissa Sawyer

“Addison shows my nothing by respect each day. She is very concerned with following the directions of those in authority over her. She is polite, well-mannered and always ready to learn. I feel that this is showing honor and respect to me and her time spent at school. Addison is very concerned with being on her best behavior as well as making sure she has permission before just assuming anything. I think she is an excellent role model for her peers.”

Lost Creek Elementary School

Hayden James

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mr. Kirchner’s Class

“Hayden displays honor daily in the classroom. Hayden is always very respectful to teachers, staff, and other students. One classmate describes Hayden as being” ... a kind person that shows respect to everyone around him.” Hayden is a very bright student who is not afraid to ask questions about the topics that he is learning. Hayden is always very respectful when asking questions or questioning results a teacher is presenting. Hayden is an active member in the Boy Scouts which furthers his ability to show honor to the community. Hayden is a wonderful representative for the character trait of “honor”.

Meadows Elementary School

Aspen Kershaw

Kindergarten

Nominated by: Mrs. Nicosin

“Aspen is someone that respect everyone around her, but especially the people that have authority. IN the class room you will find Aspen paying attention, following directions, and listening carefully. On a daily basis she is showing me that she respects me as her teacher. I appreciate that this isn’t a trait that she exhibits only in the classroom. It doesn’t matter if you are her teacher an aid, janitor, or the principal. Aspen never fails to demonstrate this high regard for others everywhere. I nominated Aspen for a Mighty Meadowlark lanyard because of when a great example she is in my classroom and throughout the whole school. It is an honor to have Aspen in my room!”

Ouabache Elementary School

Sebastian Sims

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Ms. Thang

“Honor defines who a person is. It is the overarching character trait that utilizes the others we recognize throughout the year. A person of honor is respectful, trustworthy and reliable. A true measure of someone’s honor is how they conduct themselves when no one is watching. Sebastian possesses these characteristics and has been a wonderful classroom model since day one. He has shown respect to all who are of higher authority, with or without acknowledgement. Having this character trait shows how he can be a great leader one day.

Riley Elementary School

Jacob Matney

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Titus

“Jacob is new to Riley, but his daily respect towards others has made a great first impression on everyone. Although Jacob respects his peers, he shows particular reverence for adults in our school. He speaks to and approached me in a way that shows he values me as a teacher. When interactive with adults outside of the classroom, whether on the playground or in Encore classes, he demonstrates the same respect and appreciation. Because of the way he regards those in our school who are here to help, we believe Jacob is the perfect example of when it means to have honor for our leaders.

Rio Grande Elementary School

Laya Nelson

2nd Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Edington

“Laya is a very respectful and courteous girl. She is not only considerate of her teachers and other adults, but also her peers. I can count on Laya to follow classroom, and school rules, and make good

decisions, both inside and outside of the classroom. She is self-disciplined and has a tremendous work ethic. Honestly and fairness is important Laya. It is evident that at school, she adheres to the principles and integrity that are instilled at home. Having a father who is in the military, it is not surprising, that Laya exhibits the character trait of honor and is very deserving of this nomination.

Sugar Creek Consolidated Elementary School

Silas Paxson

3rd Grade

Nominated by: Miss Larimer

“Silas always does that he is asked to do. I now that I can always count on Silas to listen and follow direction the first time. He is a wonderful role model, who always displays a positive, respectful behavior. Silas never questions why he is doing something, but instead completes each assigned task with a smile on his face. Silas is more than deserving of the Honor award. I am proud of your Silas, keep up the great work.”

Sugar Grove Elementary School

Jace Thomas

1st Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Oehl’s First Grade Class

“Jace Thomas stands a level above when it comes to respect and honoring others- especially his family. Jace is a class leader and shows fairness in character and goodness in deeds and actions always. He is a super team player welcoming and including all students. He is a great cheerleader for the accomplishments of his friends while encountering other to keep trying and never give up. We celebrate such a first grader who exhibits confidence, and recognize his many positive character qualities. He celebrates this pride with staff at Sugar Grove as we have watched him grow up into a full-fledged Sugar Bear. Just a few days ago Jace was playing his first fall season baseball game this year at Riley Ball Park. After an outstanding game his coach asked him where he learned to hit- he just naturally replied that “My hall of fame mom taught me how to play. That’s why I am so good!” He is just so naturally proud of his mother. He shares mature insight into the many emotion and feeling for his mother, be it her birthday, and happy adventure, or a rough patch. Jace often honors his father and asks to visit the cemetery on days when something great happens, so he can tell Brian about his day. The pride he showed when sharing his experiences after attending the recent Air Show was heart-warming. From firsthand observation in and outside of school, Jace’s character is kind and polite to you and old alike. Our class proudly nominates this amazing young man for the mayor’s character trait ‘Honor’.”

Terre Town Elementary School

Alexis Ames

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Jeffers

“Alexis Ames is new to our school this year. She has had the opportunity to attend several different elementary schools throughout her time in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. We are absolutely

delighted to have her at our school this year for her fifth-grade year. She has a pleasant, friendly, and outgoing personality. When talking to Alexis, you can tell that she has been very respectful of the other schools she has attended. She speaks kindly of her previous principals, and classroom, to experiences she's has at her other schools. This demonstrates to me that she has learned the names of her previous principals, and teachers and has observed and learned of their expectations for her and her fellow classmates; just as she is doing at Terre Town right now as she starts her fifth grade year. She quickly catches on to school and classroom rules and procedures. I have already observed how respectful she is to each of her encore teacher, playground assistants, and cafeteria assistance. I can also tell by the way she fills in her agenda and takes home her home/communication folder tat she respects her mom by keeping her informed of what she is working on at school, and for homework! Alexis is a wonderful young lady who shows respect for the people who are in charge od her day, at school and home!"

West Vigo Elementary School

Jordan Monaghan

5th Grade

Nominated by: Mrs. Price

"Jordan is being nominated for the character trait of 'Honor' because he exemplifies this trait in and out of the classroom. He is always respectful to figures of authority. I have witnessed this first hand by the way he treats me as his teacher. He always responds to me appropriately and in the correct tone of voice, even when he has a different opinion or thinks I might be incorrect about something. Just the other day, he was being correctly by another teaching in the building and he looked her directly in the eyes as she was speaking to him. He responded with 'yes, Ma'am' and showed her the honor she deserved. He will always apologize and show regret for any actions that may be his fault and work hard to correct them in the future, I am very proud and honored to be his teacher. Way to be a role Model, Jordan!"

Middle School Winners

Honey Creek Middle School

Ben Kerns

8th Grade

Nominated By: All Stars

"Ben Kerns is a wonderful representative for the character trait for, honor. Ben displays respect and appreciation for those in authority. He listens and does what is asked of him with a positive attitude. Ben is respectful of substitutes in the building and often encourages other to do the same. He offers to help adults and other in the building not because he wants something; he simply knows it is the right thing to do."

Otter Creek Middle School

Blake Wegner

8th Grade

Nominated by: Awesome 8 Gold Team

“Blake immediately came to mind because he truly displays this character trait. During an activity in the gym, Blake found money laying on the gym floor. He immediately turned the money into the proper authorities. There are several other examples we could list, but anyone who know Blake knows he truly displays this character trait. Blake represents what it means to be an Otter Creek Otter. Congratulations, Blake!”

Sarah Scott Middle School

John Freeman

8th Grade

Nominated by: 8th Grade Team

“The definition of respect is to show or feel consideration of honor toward another. John Freeman is the epitome of this meaning. On a daily basis John behaves in a respectful and proper manner. He has the ability to refrain from violating the ethical personification of a truly “good” individual. Although he can be quiet and reserved at times he can emit the strength and passion of a true leader. John is also diligent in his ability to treat other fairly and worthy of praise. The most wonderful gift that John may possess is the innate ability to act kindly without needed effort to do so. John is a genuinely admirable person.”

West Vigo Middle School

Deandre Lowe

8th Grade

Nominated by: Deniese Herring

“Deandre arrives to the classroom every day with a smile on his face. He is always willing to assist me with various classroom tasks. During instruction, he demonstrates respectful listening and is the first to volunteer to answer a question when no one else will. Deandre appears to value the opinions of his peers. He does not engage in mocking or teasing others. Instead, Deandre reaches out to those who are struggling with a concept in the classroom and offers assistance. For those reasons, I believe that Deandre is an honorable young man.”

Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Brayden Peterson

8th Grade

Nominated by: 8-2 Team

“When monitoring the many students walking through the halls, one stands out when considering the Character Trait of Honor. Brayden Peterson exemplified this trait each and every day. Not only is he polite saying please and thank you, but he initiates greetings to all adults in the building. He goes out of his way to extend a greeting to teachers when he passes them in the hallway heading to class. When he walks into the classroom, his first words are to the teacher and he usually asks if he/she is having a good day. It is a guarantee that when he leaves a class, he leaves the teacher with a smile on his/her face. Since out school places emphasis on being kind, courteous, and respectful. It is much pride the 8-2 Team nominates Brayden Peterson for the Character Trait of Honor.”

High School Winners

Booker T. Washington High School

Harrison McClintock

10th Grade

Nominated by: School Staff

“One will never meet a more honorable individual than Harrison. Harrison is a scholar and a gentleman. He has a passion for learning and is very respectful of each of his teachers, as well as all members of the Booker T. Washington High School Staff. Harrison goes out of his way to show gratitude for even the simplest kindnesses extended to him by our school team members. As Harrison is an outstanding student, he seldom requires extra assistance to complete class assignments. When he does need a minor point of clarification, he immediately offers his sincere thanks. Harrison is not content to simply go through the motions and coast his way to a high school diploma. His goal is to reach a level of excellence in every endeavor. It is a joy to share a classroom with Harrison. For him, learning is its own reward, and he offers great insight during classroom discussions. Should he have a spare moment at the end of the class period or during lunch, you will find him engrossed in a good book. Best of all, Harrison’s kindness ranks as high as his academic performance. He never utters an unkind word. Harrison truly makes our school a better place in which to learn.”

McLean High School

Kaitlyn Myers

11th Grade

Nominated by: Susan Rasley

“Kaitlyn has double the amount and size of classes that she is taking this year. She remains respectful and responsible in all of her classes. She is giving her best effort and is encouraging other students to put forth more effort in their work. She always does what the teachers ask her to do and is very pleasant to all the staff.”

Terre Haute North Vigo High School

Latyshia James

12th Grade

Nominated by: Whitney Weincken

“Latyshia is one of the most honorable students I know. For four years, she has come to school and treated everyone with respect. She has never gotten disciplined for anything, not even a tardy. She is an integral part of our JROTC program, where she acts as a student leader in the class. Because of her success in the program and her other classes, Latyshia was selected to participate in a program at Purdue University this summer in which she earned her private pilot’s license in just six and a half weeks. Latyshia has tackled high school with honor and I have no doubts that she will tackle life with honor after she graduates.”

Terre Haute South Vigo High School

Sean Keegan

12th Grade

Nominated By: Christine Davies

“Sean Keegan is respectful of those in higher leadership because that is what he was been taught in the JROTC program. Cadet Keegan, as a lead cadet in the JROTC program, not only follows this code of ethics, but models it for his fellow cadets. Therefore, I believe Cadet Keegan is very deserving of the Character Trait of Honor.”

West Vigo High School

Rylee Bull

11th Grade

Nominated by: Mr. Gelb

“Rylee exhibits the character trait of honor through her active participation in many events at West Vigo High School. Rylee demonstrates leadership on the soccer field, in the band, in the competitive color guard program, and in the classroom. Rylee has worked hard to better herself in the music to make the band and color guard stringer. She leads by example and helps those around her to get better. Rylee is always respectful and is not afraid to communicate by means of asking questions and presenting ideas for the music program at West Vigo Rylee is very deserving of the Mayor’s Character Award.”