

The Do the Right Thing of Charlotte County recognition ceremony was held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at Punta Gorda Police Department. The following students were recognized:

Kayvion Cromer, Kingsway Elementary, Grade 1

Kayvion was honored for being an excellent student who follows all school and classroom expectations and sets the bar high for his classmates. He helps others when he sees them in need and speaks up for himself and others when he needs to!

Justin Dorsey, Deep Creek Elementary, Grade 5

Justin was honored for returning an item mistakenly left behind with a hand written note that said, "From Justin, I found your little black bag on your driveway and wanted to give it back. You're welcome!" When my wife got home, she found the pouch on our front doorstep. The pouch is very important for me because it contains my glucose meter reader and I use it daily. I am so thankful that Justin took the time to hand write a note.

Marcus Lyons, Meadow Park Elementary, Grade 4

Marcus was honored for continuing to show leadership skills every day at school. He comes to school ready to learn, shows great character and is there for his peers every day. He strives to work hard and be the best he can be every day.

Katrina Machado, Port Charlotte High, Grade 12

Katrina was honored for recognizing the needs of others. Prior to Thanksgiving, she was given a \$100 gift card from work and donated it to Port Charlotte High School for a needy family as well as purchasing \$115 worth of toys for children at her former elementary school, Meadow Park Elementary. No one prompts her to do these things, she is naturally giving. Katrina has stressful situations of her own, but always manages to see past her stresses and focus on the needs of others. Katrina works hard in school hoping to be eligible for scholarships to attend the University of Florida.

Mason Martin, Murdock Middle School, Grade 6

Mason was honored for choosing to help a classmate struggling with a math assignment instead of doing a fun activity when he completed his work. He was kind, patient, and thoughtful while working with them. He didn't give up and also asked to help his classmate the rest of the week when he finished his work.