

The Do the Right Thing of Charlotte County recognition ceremony was held on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Punta Gorda Police Department. The following students were recognized:

Ensley Bass, Grade 1, Meadow Park Elementary School

Ensley was recognized for consistently putting forth her best effort. Ensley comes to school every day ready to learn. She is a great help in the classroom. She follows all directions, respects others, and makes sure to do what is right. She speaks up when something happens and fixes what she can on her own or with the help of her peers. She is very independent and responsible for a kindergartner. Ensley Bass goes above and beyond for her academics daily. She is always ready to learn and comes prepared every day. She has already passed 100 sight words as this is the end of year kindergarten expectation. She loves to read and when it is free play, she always goes to the book center and reads books to the stuffed animals and other students in the class.

Jasmine Doran, Grade 9, Port Charlotte High School

Jasmine was recognized for reporting an incident. I was volunteering at a middle school dance, checking students in. Jasmine came to get me to let me there was going to be a fight. One boy was surrounded by several others and was about to react with violence. Because Jasmine came to get me, I was able to calm everyone down until the SRO and Principal arrived. Because of Jasmine, no one was hurt, and the student being bullied was kept safe.

John Esposito, Grade 2, Kingsway Elementary School

John was honored for being a positive role model. When John first came to class, he was shy and did not say much until he got his position as a group leader. He takes pride in being a role model and shows confidence in his approach. He is a diligent leader who is always ready to assist when a classmate needs help reading a sentence or a passage. John likes math and can figure out complex problems in a short period. He is kind and sees only the positive. John maintained an A/B average on his report card. In quarter three, he received the Principal Award for getting straight 'A's on his report card. Recently, during our writing station, when asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, his response was a Math Teacher so he could help the kids.

Kimelina Joseph, Grade 11, Charlotte High School

Kimelina was honored for being selfless. Kimelina has helped take care of her Aunt Tonya who is severely handicapped. She has given up her weekends to help take care of her aunt, improve her walking ability, and other activities. What most people do not understand is that it is remarkable how Kimmie has given up her time to make sure that her Nana and Auntie have what they need. She is an awesome young lady who will soon be joining the Military. Kimmie cooks, showers, takes her Auntie out for walks.

Kimmie has a heart of gold, and I am so honored to have her in our lives. We almost lost Kimmie a few months ago as she was having a lot of stress from students in her school but by the Grace of God, she is still with us.

Josiah McDougall, Grade 2, Kingsway Elementary School

Josiah was recognized for making tremendous improvements academically and socially over the past few months. When he first came to my class, he struggled to stay focused and sometimes avoided his given assignments. There were times when he disrupted the learning environment. Now, Josiah takes great pride in his classwork. He is now earning 'A's on all his

report cards. Josiah is very creative and likes to use anything to build his masterpiece. He is always willing to assist when his classmates need help, especially with technology. We are so proud of Josiah, who is working hard to achieve his goal of becoming a contractor so he can help his parents.