

**The Do The Right Thing award program was held on Thursday October 6, 2016, in the Punta Gorda City Council Chambers. The following students were honored:**

**Noah Wheldon, Venice Middle School, Grade 6 and Riley Willis, L. A. Ainger Middle School, Grade 6**

Noah and Riley were honored for making the right choice. While Riley and Noah were playing on the basketball court at school, they found what appeared at first to be bullet, but was actually a folding pocket knife. Riley and Noah made a positive choice and immediately turned the knife over to a teacher. Thank you Noah and Riley for displaying strong character and integrity by helping to keep other students and school safe.

**Marissa D. Oller, Murdock Middle School, Grade 6**

Marissa was honored for her actions when she observed what she believed was an on-going incident of bullying on the school bus. She tried to stop the situation by sitting with the victim. When this did not work, she reported the incident to the School Resource Officer. This situation resulted in four students being charged with battery (simple) and stalking (harassment) for pulling the victim's hair, spitting on her, and calling her names. Marissa's actions prevented this student and possibly others from being victimized. Thank you Marissa for your determination in this situation.

**Tyler Smith, East Elementary, Grade 5**

Tyler was honored for being an all-around outstanding young man. Tyler has been awarded the Eagle of the Month award and is always going out of his way to help others, while being polite and compassionate. Tyler is also a leader and works with a giving tenacity. Thank you Tyler for going above and beyond, at school, at home, and everywhere else.

**Juliet Michelle Cox, Port Charlotte High, Grade 11**

Juliet was honored for her quick actions when she prevented harm to her fellow students and faculty members by quickly alerting school officials of a fire brewing in the female's locker room. Juliet's efforts possibly saved many lives at the school. Thank you Juliet for your courage and bravery that was demonstrated in this situation.