

At the Do The Right Thing Awards program held on Thursday, September 4, 2014, the following students were honored:

Dylan Anthony, a fifth grade student at Sallie Jones Elementary, was honored for her numerous acts of volunteerism at her school. Dylan comes to school early and helps students in a kindergarten class unpack their things, practice their sounds and letters and also helps out at the school's after-school program, Pounce. Dylan is an excellent role model and every child is a better person just by being around her.

Olivia Law, a first grade student at Sallie Jones Elementary, was honored for her fundraising activity to benefit the Relay of Life (American Cancer Society). Olivia donated the entire contents of her piggy bank to show her care and concern for people with cancer, and her generous gift was doubled when her parents matched the donation. Olivia was honored for this act of kindness, her positive attitude, helpfulness, and leadership.

Sarah Lauture, a fifth grade student at Meadow Park Elementary, was honored for her quick thinking when she notified an adult in the cafeteria that another student was choking. Due to Sarah's actions the student received help and was fine.

Patrick Joseph, an eighth grade student at Punta Gorda Middle School, was honored for his honesty in turning in an iPhone to school officials that he found outside on the physical education benches, so that it could be returned to the rightful owner. The owner was very happy to receive the phone back.

Richard Joshua "Josh" Winder, a fifth grade student at Myakka River Elementary, was honored for his exemplary acts of kindness, respect, sweetness, and helpfulness. Josh who has lost an eye due to cancer, is always willing to help others and is actively involved in the numerous activities on campus, including Green Recycling Team, Feed the Hungry on Weekends Back Pack Program, Students Lighthouse Committee, Safety Patrol, and the Manatees Lead By Example Mentoring Team. Josh also voluntarily gives up recess to assist younger students in art class projects and also volunteers during his earned free time to help teachers. Josh is a role model for his peers and younger students.