



EMPOWERING ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN A CHANGING WORLD

CREEKSIDE AWARDS AND HONORS ~ DECEMBER 2017

PILLARS OF OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY~ CARING

FIVE STUDENTS ARE PICKED BY OUR SECRET SPIES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST REPRESENTATIVES OUT OF OUR SCHOOL POPULATION FOR EACH CHARACTER PILLAR

To be a caring person, one should do the following:

Treat people with kindness and generosity.

Help people in need.

Be sensitive to people's feelings.

Never be mean or hurtful.

Think about how your actions will affect others.

Always remember, that we become caring when we do caring things.

The person that I am recommending for the Pillar Award demonstrates all of these ideals on a daily basis. This person is a shining star in our class, always helping out other classmates and the teacher. Whenever there is a need for an extra hand or a partner for a game or an assignment, this caring individual steps up to the plate and always offers his or her best. This kind classmate helps others feel included and takes an interest in what others have to say. I appreciate you – **Megan Roth** – for being a constant, caring friend in class.

Congratulations and well deserved!

Mrs. Haugland

What a perfect time to nominate one of the most caring individuals I have ever had the pleasure to meet. I have many caring students in my class, but one particular student has the spirit of Christmas in their heart every day. Christmas time means giving of yourself to others. This student radiates a giving heart by being a respectful listener to teachers and to peers, by demonstrating a strong work ethic, by maintaining a positive attitude in every situation, and by helping her teachers and others in whatever way she can. This nominee has a very quiet nature who never seeks attention. This student's quiet, respectful nature is very calming in our classroom. I have the pleasure to teach this 5th grader, knowing she will always wear a smile, be respectful in all situations, and reach out to others with her caring heart. I believe success is measured by how we treat others. Whatever path this student takes in life, she will demonstrate kindness and be that leader that others look up to. Thank you for making me smile every day and making my job so enjoyable. I am proud to nominate September for the caring pillar because of her big, sweet heart!!

Mrs. Kellogg

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. The student I have chosen exemplifies these simple acts of kindness naturally without human desire for recognition. Because of this I have chosen **Hannah Sandgren**.

Mrs. O'Connor

A favorite quote of mine goes like this- “Butterflies don’t know the color of their wings, but human eyes know how beautiful it is. You may not know how good you are, but others can see that you’re special.”

The very special student I have nominated for the Caring Pillar is a shining example of caring.

When you are a caring person, you do things for others even when not asked to do so. This student demonstrates caring through her actions, kind words, and her helping hand. When she notices someone struggling, or not having a good day, she is ready with her kind and caring words, being a good friend to all. She works very hard on her assignments, caring enough to put forth her very best. Being a good citizen is also caring - putting others before yourself and caring enough to do the right thing.

Her smile is like a ray of sunshine, and it spreads such cheer and happiness to our classroom!

Thank you for being the sunshine in our day, Kaitlyn Wheaton!

Mrs. Damuth

December’s Character Counts pillar is caring. During this month, we often see many people showing signs of caring by giving money, food, or generous gifts to others. But caring is much more than giving things and should not just be shown only in December. When you care, you give of yourself by showing respect and kindness; you pay close attention to others, and you give your time to others.

Over the past two years, I have seen a student who has demonstrated a very positive and caring attitude. I have seen her have good manners by holding doors for others, helping others in small ways, smiling at others, or waving to me in the hallway. Her actions show she’s caring and considerate about others’ feelings. I feel this student helps others who may be in need and gives of herself to treat others by being courteous; she also cares about her school by following the rules. I have seen this student grow by her actions to others; I feel she thinks about the Golden Rule by treating others the way she wants to be treated. She has demonstrated that to become a caring person she must do caring things such as being sensitive to others, thinking about how your actions affect others, and being polite to those around you.

I am very proud to give the Caring pillar award to a young lady very deserving of it. **Jessica Coolley**, I thank you for the caring attitude you have. Keep up this good trait!

Ms. Karen Kissack

ABOVE AND BEYOND

THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES A STUDENT FROM EACH CLASS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE TEACHER. THIS CAN INCLUDE ACADEMICS, BEHAVIORS, SOCIAL INTERACTIONS ETC.

3rd grade –

Jovan Weigel

Alison

Molly

Riley Storm

Lydia Schultz

Shafer Funke

Adeleigh Baker

Xander Rodgers

Cassie Hinders

4th Grade-

Brenna Haivala

Connor Bonebrake

Jaiden Fauske

Jarahdi Wickenhagen

Daniela Rodriguez

Alyssa Kline

Laney Heilman

Freddie Reth

5th Grade –

Haroon Khan

Chase Hart

Leo Isburg

Emileigh Rice

Brodhi Umberger

Lucie Tennant

Claira Abner

SPARTAN CARD WINNERS

SPARTAN CARDS ARE EARNED THROUGH GOOD CITIZENSHIP. ANY STAFF MEMBER CAN AWARD ONE. CARDS ARE COLLECTED AND A MINIMUM OF SIX ARE DRAWN FOR EACH GRADE

3rd –

Olivia Purcell
Maggie Faulkner
Grace Roberts
Kadence Palle
Aidan Finley
Reed Simek

4th –

Liz Campbell
Josh Paris
Olivia Jacobs
Preston Christopherson
Marley Whitlock
Darin Crooks

5th –

John Hansen
Micah
Zoey Little Bear
Jack Faulkner
Grayson Gale

1ST TRIMESTER SPARTAN CARD SONY MP3 WINNERS

3rd- Claire Reth

4th- Abigail Gudgel

5th- Charlie Nickles

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY, JAN. 15TH – NO SCHOOL~ MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

FRIDAY, JAN. 26TH- HONORS ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7TH- EARLY RELEASE~ STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Education Lights the Path to the Future!

The Spearfish Education for Public Education (SFPE) invites you to our annual “3 Cheers Celebration”. Come help SFPE celebrate education in our schools and the generosity of our friends! The event will take place **on Thursday, February 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Tretheway Pavilion, Spearfish City Park**. Join us for music, food and beverages. There will be silent and live auction items and a heads & tails raffle. The SFPE provides financial and community investment in academic programs within the Spearfish School District and is a 501 C 3 non-profit, tax exempt organization. Check out our website, www.spearfishschools.org, to learn more or make a donation to the SFPE.



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2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & SCREENING

Mountain View Elementary
400 East Hudson, Spearfish, SD

REGISTRATION

February 12 through February 23, 2018
8:00am to 3:00pm

Registration packets are available for pick up • Schedule a screening date

SCREENING

Wednesday, March 7 • Thursday, March 8 • Friday, March 9

Only Kindergarteners with a scheduled screening time will be allowed to participate in the screening. Individual screening times will be set when packet is picked up. The purpose of screening is to provide parents information about their child's readiness for Kindergarten.

Please bring the following required documents to your screening appointment:

- Certified copy of the child's birth certificate
 - Immunization records
- Completed registration packet