



EMPOWERING ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN A CHANGING WORLD

MAY 2017

As school comes to an end here at Creekside it is always fun to look back and remember our successes and challenges. What sticks out the most is the number and variety of people it takes to make a school run smoothly. School district staff members are obviously instrumental in achieving a great school year but there are many others who also have a tremendous impact. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those individuals who volunteered their time, energy and or financial support throughout the year. These individuals had a profound influence on both our staff and students.

Volunteers worked with students in reading, writing and math. Some businesses provided meals and prizes to honor our students, while many individuals donated their time and talents to provide delicious treats and meals for the Creekside staff. Kiwanis Crossing Guards and several parents kept our students safe and many other service organizations donated their time and knowledge to help students remain safe and healthy throughout the year.

There are many other volunteers too numerous to name so I will take this opportunity to thank and praise them for the positive impact they have had on our students and staff.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you,

Dan Olson

Principal, Creekside Elementary

IMPORTANT DATES AND END OF YEAR INFORMATION

3rd Grade Music Programs:

Monday, May 1st at 6:30 PM -Crofutt, Meredith, O'Connor

Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 PM -Anderson, Reinert, Smith

Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 PM - Heltzel, Jones, Nichols

May 3rd- 2nd Graders Visit Creekside

May 5th- 5th Grade DARE Graduation at 1:45 PM

May 12th- 4th Grade Invention Fair AM, 5th Grade Business Fair PM

May 19th- Honors Assembly

May 22nd- 5th Grade Drug Dog Presentation and Dare Celebration

May 25th- 4th and 5th to Rec Center for Swimming

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL is Friday May 26th, and it is an early release! (The teachers will be making up the second snow day on May 30th as professional development.)

All negative lunch balances and library books must be returned by the of the year! Please keep a close eye on your student's lunch balances and plan a head. Money does transfer from grade to grade and school to school. You can sign up at <https://www.ezschooldpay.com/Login.aspx> to check your balances at home, and pay on-line!

Please swing by to check the lost and found. There are 2 clothes racks, a bin, and over 30 pairs of snow boots currently.

CREEKSIDE AWARDS AND HONORS

PILLARS OF OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY~ DECISION MAKING

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

From March's Fairness Pillar~ When I think of the Fairness Pillar, I think of the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. A person who is fair plays by the rules, treats people well, takes turns, listens to others, and thinks about how your actions will affect others.

As a teacher, I see many acts of Fairness on a daily basis. When looking for a student who continually exhibits fairness on a daily basis, my decision was made easier as I have watched a student in our classroom throughout this school year. This student treats people the way she wants to be treated. She is always thinking of others, whether it is her siblings or her classmates, and has a genuine concern for them. She thinks about her actions and how they will affect others. Her kind heart and warm smile make other people feel good when they are around her.

I am so proud to give the Fairness Pillar to **Kaitlyn Garness**. Congratulations, Kaitlyn, you are very deserving of this honor!

Mrs. Burke

Decision Making Pillar Winners

A student who makes good decisions uses all the Character Counts pillars including fairness, honesty, respect, and trustworthiness in helping them do so. They take the time to think how their decisions will affect the others around them.

To be a good decision maker, a student must understand the importance of compromise. They stand up for what is personally important and also know their decisions affect others.

I feel this student makes good choices regarding her performance in the classroom; she makes the decision to try her best in learning every day. She makes the decision to be respectful to her teachers, peers, school and follows through by making good decisions at recess. She acknowledges other people's feelings and choosing friends who do the same.

I am proud to nominate **Alyssa Steedley** as a representative for the April Character Counts Decision-Making pillar.

Mrs. Jarvi

People make hundreds of decisions every day. Decisions can be small or large, but every decision made reflects who we are as individuals. In the classroom, this student makes wise decisions about the effort she puts into her school work and the choice to follow expectations. On the playground, she makes decisions regarding her friendships and treats all her peers with kindness. She considers the outcomes of her decisions and the result is always positive. I am confident this student represents the character trait of decision making even when others are not watching!

This student's decision making skills are effortless and display her wonderful character: **Neveah** is our pillar winner

Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Christensen

Decisions can happen quickly, but results can last a lifetime. Our DARE education program taught us good decision making strategies and gave us opportunities to practice. This is an important lesson and a person with a good, strong ethical background finds good decision making a bit more natural.

Doing the right thing isn't always easy. Even so, I have many students who always make good decisions. Students who make good decisions are examples of all six pillars: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. One student I would like to recognize for making good decisions throughout this entire year is **Quinten Carlson**. I am confident your future will be successful because you make good choices.

Mrs. Gillespie

At Creekside, there are many students who make good decisions. There is one student who stands out in my classroom. Not only do I trust her because she is honest and reliable, but also she shows good character no matter what. This student holds herself accountable with her classroom work, her friendships, her actions, and her words. She has the courage to do the right thing when no one is looking and this makes her a natural leader. I admire her integrity to challenge herself to be a better student and person. It is with honor to give **Elisabeth Jackson** the pillar for Good Decision making. Thank you for showing good character! I am proud of you!

Mrs. Heltzel

We all make decisions daily, but the big question is- are they the right decisions?! It always thrills my heart to see young students that show me they know the difference through their day to day lives here at school. When a student is known for GOOD decision making it is a character trait that shines through in every area of that student's life!! As teachers we see it in the way they react to us, the way they do their school work, the way they treat their classmates and the way they speak of their own families! I see this trait of making good decisions shine bright in the student I have chosen**Abbi**

Mrs. Hansen

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:

Ashlynn McCue
Madisyn Oldfield
Finley Worthington
Elana McCabe
Hailey Pollreis
Teigan Geppert
Ella Urdiales
Hailey Treasure
Parker Graveman

4th Grade:

Shea Irion
Ava Citrowske
Paige Hartman
Micah Albonico
Hollie Wise
Malaya Naescher
Annika Goetz
Saylor Pederson

5th Grade:

Liam Carriveau
Chayse Keller
Madeline Cross
Samantha Demma
Brody Janvrin
Dakota Woodall
Damion Staley

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 Grade:

Averie Rogers
Jaela Parks
Ellie Becker
Tayden
Freddie Reth
Bree Canfield

4th Grade:

Mallery Mailloux
Alexcia Boyd
Dennis Crandall
Rhianna Besler
Dru Bradley
Haroon Khan

5th Grade:

Coy Hamilton
Preston Davis
Lance Rath
Esperanza Mendoza
Chloe Lerew
Ada Buchholz