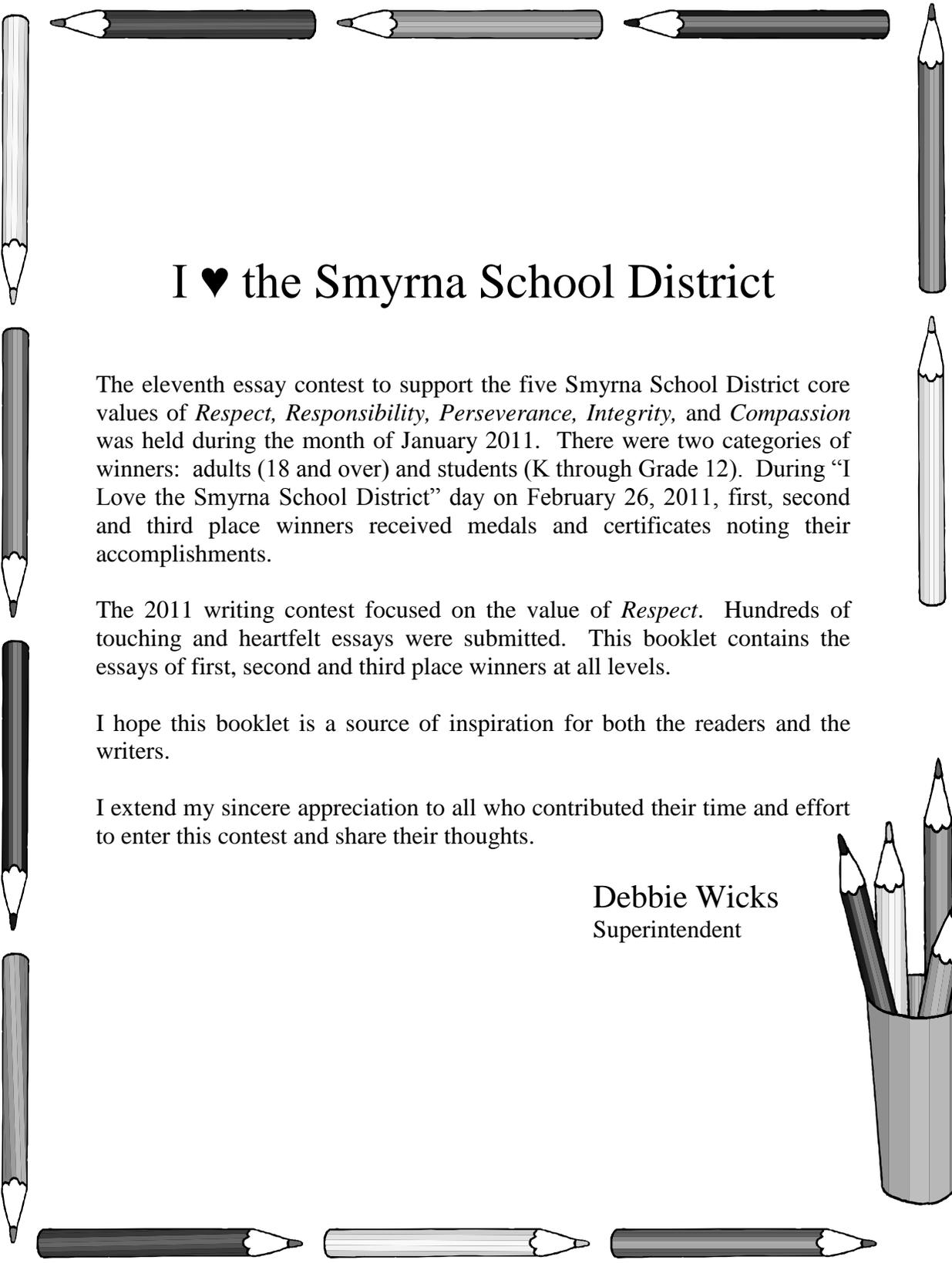


Smyrna School District

Essay Contest  
2011

Adult and Student Winners

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## I ♥ the Smyrna School District

The eleventh essay contest to support the five Smyrna School District core values of *Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Integrity, and Compassion* was held during the month of January 2011. There were two categories of winners: adults (18 and over) and students (K through Grade 12). During “I Love the Smyrna School District” day on February 26, 2011, first, second and third place winners received medals and certificates noting their accomplishments.

The 2011 writing contest focused on the value of *Respect*. Hundreds of touching and heartfelt essays were submitted. This booklet contains the essays of first, second and third place winners at all levels.

I hope this booklet is a source of inspiration for both the readers and the writers.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all who contributed their time and effort to enter this contest and share their thoughts.

Debbie Wicks  
Superintendent

For the eleventh annual “I Love the Smyrna School District” essay contest, students and adults were asked to write about *Respect*, a core district value. Contest rules and writing prompt were disseminated to students (via their teachers) and the community in January 2011. June Wicks, district reading coordinator, prepared the prompt and assisted with coordinating the essay contest. Janet Garrett, retired Smyrna High School business teacher, completed the typing and formatting of the publication. Karen Kennedy, Smyrna School District Curriculum Office secretary, assisted with the layout and editing of the publication. Alexander “Sandy” Shalk, Ed.D., conducted the contest and edited the final publication. District teachers encouraged their students to write and helped select essays. Appreciation is extended to all for their time and effort in making this publication possible.

## ESSAY CONTEST

Contestants are asked to write a maximum 500-word essay on the following topic:

***Respect*** – means having a high regard for oneself and others. This would include self-worth, pride, physical well being, contentment, peace, humor, appreciation for differences and individuality, fairness, respect, and tolerance. This may include faith in God.

Write about a person you admire who has the qualities of respect. Tell in detail why you chose this particular person, what specific qualities this person possesses, and give specific examples of how he/she demonstrates respect.

**ADULT WINNERS:** First (gold), second (silver), and third (bronze) place winners receive medals and certificates noting their accomplishments. Winners and runners-up were recognized during the “I Love the Smyrna School District” day (February 26, 2011).

**STUDENT WINNERS:** First (gold), second (silver), and third (bronze) place winners are selected at each grade level (K-12) in each building. Winners receive medals and certificates noting their accomplishments. All winners were recognized during the “I Love the Smyrna School District” day (February 26, 2011).

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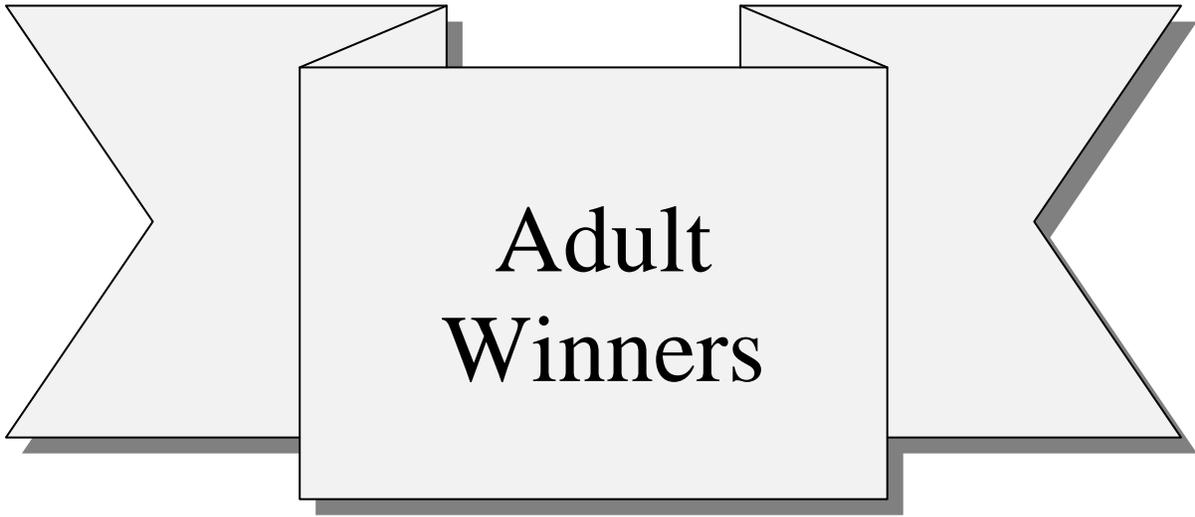
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Perhaps the least disputable core value is respect. It encompasses responsibility for self, trust in others and a consistent focus on teamwork.

As we mature and find our path in life, we find the journey is more meaningful with a mentor. When I take steps on my path and reflect on my experiences along the way, the teachings of one of my mentors—Coach John Wooden—more often than not demonstrate the value of respect.

John Wooden was a teacher whose lessons were learned well by the lucky young men who led UCLA to 10 NCAA basketball championships. He finished his basketball coaching career in 1975, two years before I matriculated at UCLA. As a student, I was proud that my school had earned the best record in NCAA Basketball (and still does) largely due to his respect and love for the game as a player and a coach, and a respect for the individuals he chose to play for him at UCLA.

As the “Philosopher Coach” he strongly believed in bringing out the best in people. It was more important for each team member to be aware of what he could control, be prepared, and respect the process to become the best. He reminds all of us that you do not need to compromise your morals and values to achieve success. When former players were asked about their experience with Coach Wooden, some responded as follows:

“He wasn’t just teaching us about basketball, he was teaching us about life.” – Bill Walton, NBA Hall of Fame.

“From the day I met Coach Wooden, I had the utmost confidence in him. It didn’t take me long to appreciate the coolness he possessed. Coach taught us self-discipline, and was always his own best example.” – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, College Basketball and NBA Hall of Fame.

“His willingness to listen to the ideas of others and his lack of ego allowed him to change and keep up with the ever-changing game.” – Denny Crum, University of Louisville Head Coach.

One of my favorite Woodenisms is “Make each day your masterpiece.” He would urge his players to try their hardest to improve on that very day, to make that practice a masterpiece. When I remember each day to do a little better for my family, my patients, my orthodontic team, my community friends and neighbors, with time I am *a lot* better.

From those who knew him best, he was the role model we respected and he returned our devotion with consistency, integrity and a zest to win.

*Stephanie Steckel*  
Gold Award, Adult

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Respect—most of us have heard that we should respect our elders, teachers, and government. Who tells us this? Usually it’s our elders, school administration and politicians. Most of us have heard we should have respect for nature, life, law and others.

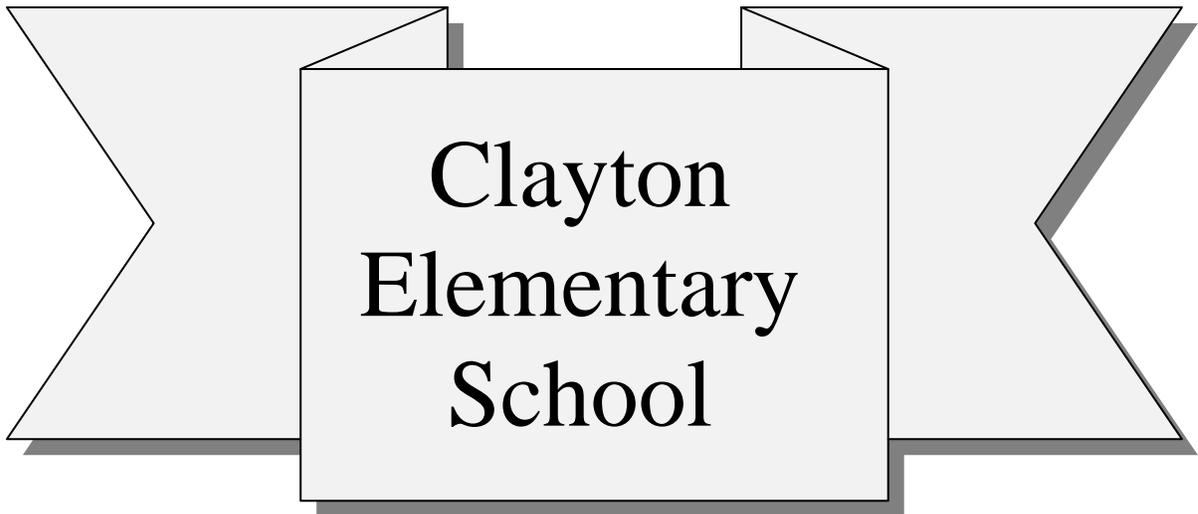
Is respect a one-way thing? What is not respect or disrespect? How do you show respect?

I think we show respect by freely giving our time to acknowledge, listen to and accommodate that which we respect. Demanding respect does not engender respect. Earning respect generates a more stable respect.

There is an old saying that when the student is ready to learn the master appears. By the same token a teacher cannot be a teacher without students. When the teacher teaches what they know, the student remains dependent. When the teacher teaches how to learn, then the best students can become the new teachers.

Thus, to me, respect is achieved when you are no longer separate, but a part of the process. In my opinion, Prof. D. J. Cram was the best example of this and thus engendered respect.

*Steven Artz*  
Silver Award, Adult



*Grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, and 4*

Miss Chadwick is respectful. She waits for friends to stop talking. She listens to friends at school. She helps her friends with their centers.

*Faith Hewes*  
First Place, Kindergarten

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I respect my dad because he teaches me math. He washes the dishes for me. He helps me build my tree house. He plays with me. He helps me clean my room.

*Sean Keener*  
Second Place, Kindergarten

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I respect Martin Luther King. He wanted everybody to share. He listened to people.

*Destiny Austin*  
Third Place, Kindergarten

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Do you know how Liam shows respect? Liam is caring because he treats others well. Liam has good manners because he says thank you. Liam is a good citizen because he picks up trash. I am so, so happy that Liam can show respect!

*Raegan Logue*  
First Place, Grade 1

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Tyler shows respect because he raises his hand when he wants to talk. He is kind. Tyler never gets a card flip. He follows the teacher's rules. Tyler is quiet when people are talking. Tyler shows respect because he picks up trash. I hope Tyler keeps it up.

*Philip Hughes*  
Second Place, Grade 1

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Guess who I respect. I respect my Daddy because he works hard building houses all day. Daddy brings me to his work sometimes. Daddy loves me a lot. That's why I respect him!

*Emilee Lewis*  
Third Place, Grade 1

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When you respect someone you look up to that person. I respect my sister Hannah.

Hannah is helpful because she does the dishes with me even when I get frustrated. She is so patient. When I take a shower she doesn't bang on the door and say, "get out of there!"

Hannah is fair. She plays by the rules when we have family game night. Hannah is fairer than a lion sharing a meal. When she loses she doesn't really care.

When we went to the city to visit my grampa, my sister helped an old lady cross the road. This shows that Hannah has compassion. When I want to swim, she takes me to the pool. She is so kind!

On the day we had the twenty inches of snow, she helped me shovel. When mom told me to clean our room, she stepped in.

Would you want Hannah as a sister? I know I would! I am proud of Hannah and lucky to have her as a sister.

*Elisabeth Mancari*

First Place, Grade 2

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When you respect someone you look up to them. You may admire them and think a lot of that person. Also they might have awesome and special qualities. The person I respect is Mrs. Gerni. She is my second grade teacher.

Mrs. Gerni says very kind things to me. When I finish my work and I do well she says "well done." She says nice things like fantastic, very good, and nice job.

Another quality Mrs. Gerni has is being patient. When you're patient you wait a lot. Like when we're going to lunch she lets other classes go before us.

Also she is always positive. Positive means thinking anyone can do everything they want to if they just try. Sometimes math problems are hard so she just says you can do it. So I try on my own and I'm already finished my 2<sup>nd</sup> grade AM library!

The last quality she has is being friendly. Friendly is being a good friend to someone else. Mrs. Gerni was friendly to my mom during conferences. These are the qualities my teacher has. That's why I'm writing about Mrs. Gerni.

*Rachel Youngcourt*

Second Place, Grade 2

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Do you know someone who is important? Do you want to know? Okay, my grandfather! My grandfather was in the Korean War and he risked his life for mine. That means he is respectful to me and to the whole world! You should treat him the way you want to be treated. My grandfather is the reason I have such an awesome Dad because he raised him to be helpful, kind to others, caring, and he loves me no matter what. I wish that I could be just like my grandfather when I am an adult. He is the best person I have ever known!

*Kasey Triance*

Third Place, Grade 2

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My Tita Ali is a perfect person for a role model! She is a very respectful person. I look up to her and want to be just like her when I am older. She is my godmother. Tita Ali lives in California. She is married to a really pleasant man. Tita Ali doesn't have any kids, although she does have a dog. His name is Milo.

First of all I want to tell you how generous she is. When someone asks her if she would like something to eat or drink, she would say "yes please." Respect to me is how my Tita Ali is around people. She is super agreeable and really clever. I respect and honor her because when I grow up I want to be just like her—a very respectful person. She is a very intelligent and respectful person to look up to. I also respect my Tita Ali because she is very polite, really desirable, keen, and has a grand personality!

Tita Ali does numerous things to get respected, but I think I'll just discuss one of them. Whenever somebody asks her for help on any topic, if she knows the answer she will help. Like one time I needed help on a multiplication problem, so I asked her. She gave me an answer and I got it correct. That was when she came to Ocean Pines where her mom was. I went to go see her and my Uncle Joe. He is as tall as a giant!

I don't know if anybody else respects or honors my Tita Ali now, because my cousins who know about respect live far from here. I can tell you the most important reason why I respect her; Tita Ali is very respectful! No matter whom you are or what you did, she would be very appreciative and polite! She would do the same thing to you if you need help and she is close. She will probably help you. That is the most important reason why I chose my Tita Ali!

I hope that you have somebody to look up to and honor and are as lucky as I am! But remember I am only lucky because I have my Tita Ali to look up to and honor!

*Leila Sebastian*

First Place, Grade 3

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What is your definition of respect? Well my definition of respect is to have a feeling of honor and admiration. Respect is how the world goes round! Without respect, the world would be a terrible place. A lot of people don't have respect, but I am naming one person who has respect,

and her name is Lauren Dempsey. To me, Lauren is a very respectful person. Not only is she nice, she is friendly too.

Lauren is a very nice person! You would definitely notice that she is respectful, nice, trustworthy, and caring if you knew her. She is very athletic as well. She is definitely respectful because she never hurts my feelings. She is always nice to me. Also, if I ever tell her a secret, she keeps it. I can always rely on Lauren.

Lauren will never tell me a lie, or gossip behind my back. She is not rude! She is not annoying either; however, Lauren is nice. I will never ever call her names, and she will do the same. One time I fell down and started crying. As soon as she heard me cry, she ran in the house to get help. If Lauren wasn't there, I would have never been able to get up. Niceness is a gift and it only comes to certain people.

I have never doubted that Lauren is a terrific person. When I get hurt, I am the only thing on her mind. When I fall down I have the spotlight. I feel that Lauren will always be there for me. I hope to be there for her too. The feeling I have in me is a good feeling to know that she will always be there for me.

As I said in the beginning, respect means to have a feeling of honor for something, and admiration. If I had to pick one out of fifty people, I would pick Lauren. Why? She is a nice person, and a respectful person. I could spend a million years naming good things about her. I also picked her because she does not give up on her goals. As I said she is very athletic. She is very good in gymnastics. One time she came in second place, but second is not all that bad. This is why I picked Lauren Dempsey.

*Sarah Marine*  
Second Place, Grade 3

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Do you know what the definition of R-E-S-P-E-C-T is? I can teach you! Respect is listening, being nice, helping others, following the rules and showing people you care. Some qualities of a respectful person I know are that he helps others, he is nice, and he listens to other people. So now you know some ways my dad shows respect. Keep on reading so I can tell you more!

One other way my dad shows respect is that he is friendly. That means to be nice, show that you care, and be a good friend. A way that respect and friendliness relate to my dad is he is always nice and is a good friend when he is needed. A way he shows it is he is nice to people who are mean to him. He also comforts me when I need it. If you think he is respectful now, wait until I tell you the rest of his qualities!

Another quality is that he is proud! P-R-O-U-D means to believe in yourself, take pride in what you do and love what you do. Respect relates to proud for my dad because he respects himself. A way he shows this is he believes what he does is wonderful. Also he loves what he does and believes in himself. Those are only some of the ways my dad shows being proud.

My last quality is that my dad is neat; being neat means to be clean, organized and tidy. A way it relates to respect is because being neat means you are respecting yourself and the areas of others. Some ways he shows this are he puts away screws around the shop so they don't get rusty. Also when he is done washing the dishes he puts them away. So far do you think my dad is a respectful person?

Now you know that my dad respects his family, friends, himself and others. Remember being respectful means to appreciate, value, and honor others. My dad is not only a respectful person; he is an awesome dad too!

*Adara Turek*

Third Place, Grade 3

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Who do you respect? Well I respect my sister Chelsy. I respect my sister because she is creative, she is sporty, she is helpful, and she is nice. Do you know what respect means? Respect means being kind to that person. I respect my sister for what she does.

The first reason why I respect my sister is that she's creative. Chelsy thinks of all cool things to draw. Like the Mighty Banana—it's a banana with a red cape. My sister makes things up. You might not think she draws well but she does. She draws really well—better than I do. She should be an artist!

The second reason why I respect my sister is that she's sporty. The first sport she started playing was baseball. When she was in baseball she would be the best one on her team because she would get lots of home runs. After baseball she got into basketball. Chelsy was also good in that sport. When she had competitions her team would always win from her scoring lots of shots. Now she wants to get into cheerleading. If she does I think she could win every competition.

The third reason why I respect Chelsy is because she's helpful. When my dad is not home she babysits me. Chelsy washes the dishes and dries them. When I need help cleaning my room she helps put stuff away. I like when she helps clean my room. We get more stuff done than by myself.

The fourth reason why I respect Chelsy is that she's nice. She plays with me when I'm bored. We play all kinds of cool games. She teaches me a lot of stuff like the dishes (how to wash and dry the dishes). She also teaches me how to play cool games. She helps me with homework when I need help on how to do something like adding fractions.

That is why I respect my sister Chelsy. She is a good sister. I hope when I grow up I am just like her.

*Maci Bowen*

First Place, Grade 4

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Do you know anything or have a clue on what respect means? I know a little bit about respect. Hey, speaking of respect, I'm going to tell you what respect means and who I think shows the most respect to me.

I think my Uncle Eric shows the most respect. I think he's the most respectful because he is a person who does a lot of great things and cares a lot for people who treat him nice. If you keep reading this report on respect you might get more information about it. Just sit back, relax and read some good advice on respect.

I can always count on my Uncle Eric because I know he wouldn't hurt me or force me to do anything I didn't want to do. Besides, he's a police officer so he is a V.I.P. Do you know what V.I.P. stands for? It stands for Very Important Person.

You can tell if someone shows respect because they will never ever spread a rumor about you or anybody else. My Uncle Eric would never do that. For example: if I was chatting with a friend, and I told them a secret, he wouldn't come up behind me and eavesdrop behind my back. If that happened it would hurt my feelings. It might even make me cry. But I know he would never do anything like that, ever!

Did you know that you can tell if someone is showing respect? Well, my Uncle Eric shows respect because he protects me from danger. If someone is nice or they save you or protect you from danger, they would be showing respect. If one day I'm feeling down, he will come to me and cheer me up by telling me a joke. Sometimes he will ask me if I want to go camping with him, and I always say, "Yes, I would love to go!" We go camping in Cherrystone, Virginia. Every time we visit him and his family he gives me a big warm hug.

My Uncle Eric lives with Aunt Dawn, my cousins Jordan and McKenzie and their dog Max. I think my Uncle Eric is the best! He always shows respect. Do you know anyone who shows respect?

*Hailey Selhorst*

Second Place, Grade 4

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Who do you respect? I respect my third grade teacher Ms. Musto. I respect Ms. Musto because she has so many good qualities, values, and actions. Everyone in her class from last year will always remember her. I know I will because she is one of my most favorite teachers in my entire life. Ms. Musto sits at a desk, she works on weekdays, and she works with many people in a day.

First I want to talk to you about all of her great qualities. Ms. Musto helps everyone. It is like all of her time goes to help other people. Now you are getting some reasons why I respect her. Plus Ms. Musto is one of the funniest people I know. Ms. Musto is almost as funny as a comedian. Also, this is one of her best qualities, you can talk to her. Oh, and I'm serious; you would not feel nervous or scared to talk to her. Those are some reasons why I respect her.

Next I want to tell you everything about cool values. Now, she has great values and you are going to love them. Ms. Musto shows so much perseverance she will never give up. Ms. Musto is also very responsible. Those are some reasons why I respect her. Read on for more. Also, she never wants to be mean to you; she just needs to tell you the rules again one more time. Those are her values that make me respect her.

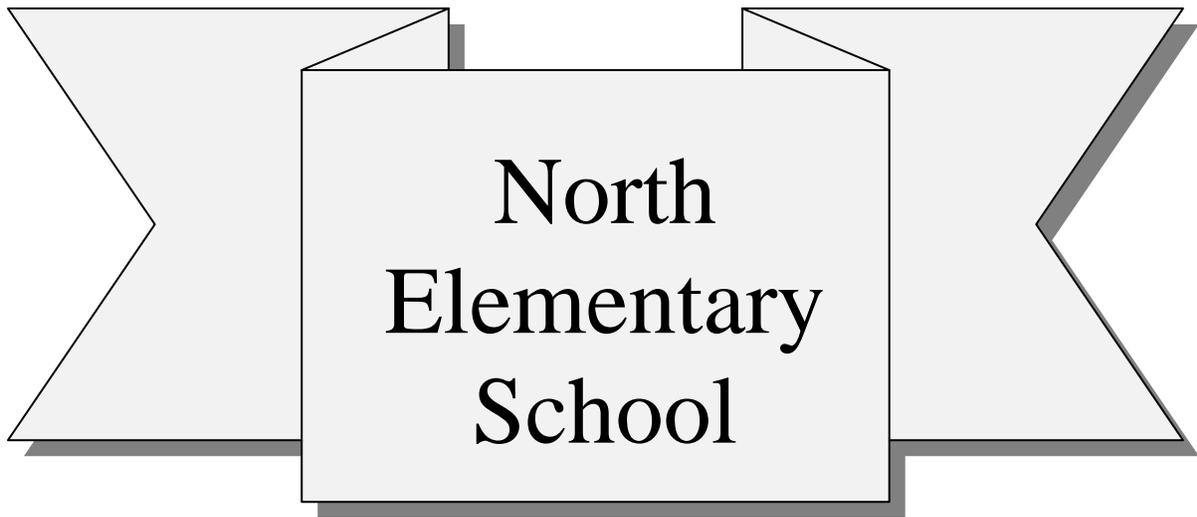
Third I would love to talk to you about her actions. If you want to know more reasons why I respect her, read on. Ms. Musto spends her weekdays in a large building where there are many children and she helps everyone learn. Really, I mean, once she knows you understand, it just comes right to you—it is like magic. One more thing, if you need extra help she will give you it. Those are her amazing actions that make me respect her. Oh, and reader do you know what respect means? Well the word respect means that you look up to someone and you won't lie to them.

Finally we are coming to the end of my essay. Now you know all the cool, great, and awesome values, qualities, and actions about my third grade teacher Ms. Musto.

*Lauren Iglío*

Third Place, Grade 4

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*Grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, and 4*

Yamir shows respect because he helps Wayne. Our cafeteria ladies help kids too by giving them lunch. The lunch ladies say, "Hello sweetie." They show respect.

*Caymahni Sime*  
First Place, Kindergarten

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I respect my brother because he helps me pick up my toys. I love my brother so much.

*Machai Stinnett*  
Second Place, Kindergarten

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I respect my mommy because she helps my daddy run the store.

*Dylan Pham*  
Third Place, Kindergarten

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I respect my dad. He takes care of me. He helps me when I get hurt. He helps me do my homework. My dad protects me. He teaches me to do the right thing. This is why I respect my dad.

*Megan Biang*  
First Place, Grade 1

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Do you know someone who shows respect? The person I chose to write about is my dad. His name is Samuel Lee Hill. He works at Eagle Group. He builds sinks, desks and chairs. This helps schools and builders. He makes money to buy food for our family and dog Misty. I admire my dad for being such a wonderful father to me!

*Cheyenne Hill*  
Second Place, Grade 1

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I respect my teacher. Why do I respect her? She helps people learn. She is kind to people. She teaches people how to write. I respect the way she teaches.

*Brenna Bowers*  
Third Place, Grade 1

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Who is your favorite person? Mine is my dad. You're probably wondering why I picked him, aren't you? Well if you are, I picked him because your parents do a lot for you. They keep you safe and many other things. I chose him because he has integrity, he is trustworthy, he shares, he respects people, he never breaks rules or the law, and he is as strong as a wrestler. He cares about people and he works at a job that helps people too. He helps me all the time and always does the right thing. I love my dad for what he does and how he helps; and that is why my dad is my hero. I love him very, very much.

*Victoria Jordan*

First Place, Grade 2

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The person I admire is my dad. My person is special because he leads me in safety. My person taught me to do right not wrong. He helps me when I get hurt. He's as cool as the wind and as nice as a duck. He can jump so high he almost touches the ceiling. I love him so, so, so, so much. He is very, very special to me and to my family, my sister, brothers and mom. He is a really nice guy and my whole family loves him. It's like he is popular or a rock star, but I love him and I always will love him because he put me on earth. Plus he made me a home, he gave me a family, and he gave me all I needed. He especially gave me love. I admire the best person—my dad.

*Marquaya Bennett*

Second Place, Grade 2

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Shiana is a nice and respectful person. Shiana is caring. If I drop something she quickly helps me pick it up. Shiana is my best friend! She always plays with me. She even says sorry when she accidentally hurts me. She doesn't stick her hand out when we are walking in the hallway. Shiana is the best friend I ever had!

*Katrice Burnette*

Third Place, Grade 2

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R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me. To me respect is a wonderful thing. I think that everyone should respect at least one special person because then you could have a goal to be like that person. So the person I am thinking about is an honest trustworthy, kind person who I can always count on. Give it up for the one and only Fay Copper, my grandmother.

My mom-mom is very generous to her friends, family and community. She is always there for her family. When she hears they are sick she'll be there before you can say band-aid. My

wonderful grandmother has so many friends I can't count them all. When they are sick she goes through the three C's: call, cookies, and cake. After that she goes through the two D's: deliver and disinfect. No wonder she has so many wonderful friends. Mom-mom is a member of many things. This will touch your heart. She used to volunteer to help kids read. That wonder woman of mine is also a member of the Delaware Speech and Hearing Association.

Mom-mom is always there for me. What a happy lady for a widow. Mom-mom is always there for me and is as smart as a cookie. One thing I know is she will always be next to me in the never-ending roller coaster of life!

*Abby Conway*

First Place, Grade 3

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What is respect? When you respect someone, you look up to him or her. You may admire or think a lot of that person. It could be a relative, friend, classmate, teacher, or someone in your community. Well if you want to know who I respect, hear my story. I respect my grandma because my grandma is always there for others and me, but mostly others in the community.

When I go to Acme with her, she almost always has cash back. However she will never take it; she leaves her change for someone who might need it more. Grandma also raises money for charities and cancer kids, cancer adults, and homeless people too. She will help homeless people find homes. That is one of the ways she helps people. My grandma also will volunteer. She makes wigs for the kids who have cancer. Also, grandma was in a competition. They wanted to see who could make the best wigs. Grandma won!!! She made a beautiful black wig with pink highlights. This is how my grandma teaches me respect.

Like I told you, respect is when you look up to someone, If you do not remember who I respect it is my grandma for how she is with the people in the community, me, and people out of state and this country. She helped me fix my chair when it was broken. Mostly she is a loving person. I love her and respect her so much. Now do you see how I picked her out of all the people I respect?

*Tanaya Wilson*

Second Place, Grade 3

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Who do you respect? I respect Grandma Helen because she is a good person. Do you know what respect means? If you don't you better listen. Ready? Okay. Respect is when you think about them. I have a lot of people I respect but I think I respect my grandma the most.

My grandma is so, so caring, She will listen and doesn't care that I'm interrupting her program. My Grandma Helen is very caring. She even taught me how to sew. That's how she is caring. She is also polite. She always, no matter what, uses her best manners and holds the door for everybody behind her. She always says please and thank you too. She talks about something

with a loving voice. She also has another quality. Don't worry, I'm almost done. She also is very fair and she makes sure we all get the same amount of love. (She doesn't have a favorite.) She makes sure we all get the same amount of cupcakes. That is how she is very fair. She is very giving too because she gives money to charity and helps everybody. Okay, this is my last quality. I'm going to talk about how she is honest. Grandma Helen tells the truth every day. She even tells me the truth, good or bad. The bad truth I wish she was kidding but most of the time it's good news. So that's why I think she's very honest. That's the top five qualities she has.

Now this is a reason I respect my Grandma Helen. She is a follower in Christ, she obeys the Lord, and she prays and worships Him. She also reads the Bible and she helps her family. She listens through all of our stories and complaints. Can you see now why I respect my Grandma Helen?

*Nicole Withrow*

Third Place, Grade 3

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Do you know anyone who you admire who is honest and shows respect? I know having someone to admire is fantastic! Respect is a feeling of admiration or honor. Someone who shows respect in my family is my Gigi (Nancy Alexis Faries). She helps with family, does her job right, and takes care of the community respectfully.

She helps our family be being as busy as a fuzzy black and yellow bumble bee taking her mom to the doctor for her leg. Also she helps when we have to do projects for school, and cooks dinners when we are at her house. When I have nothing to do she takes me places like the movies or water slides, but we have to schedule them before. She watches our dogs when we are on a dazzling vacation. Another thing is she never lets us down.

Something else she respects is her job. She does this by filling in for people at work if they are out sick, and she is pretty much there every day and only stays home if she is sick to her stomach. She even went in the Dover parade and was in to represent Ron Smith. She loves her work a lot and will never stop.

Another thing she does is helping our community. She does a lot for it like picking up trash, recycling, reusing and reducing. My Gigi even has a compost pile in her back yard and a garden to grow veggies. She even feeds bread to ducks, birds, turtles and fish. All I know is she loves the community and will always help it become stronger.

I hope you were fascinated by how my Gigi helps with family, does her job, and takes care of the community respectfully.

*Camaryn Timblin*

First Place, Grade 4

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There were a lot of teachers in the past but Miss Mandi Wilson really stood out. I know Miss Wilson was the best teacher because she was so respectful to me and to everyone else. Respect is when you admire or honor someone. I respect Miss Wilson for many different reasons,

One reason I respect Miss Wilson is because she is so good at her job being a teacher. I think this is because last year when I was in her class she got Teacher of the Year. That means she is fantastic at her job, and I appreciate her for that. Also, Miss Wilson works well with kids so that is another reason why everyone likes her. Miss Wilson should be a teacher for the rest of her travels! Miss Wilson was the best teacher!

Another reason I honor Miss Wilson is the way she is to her third grade students. Miss Wilson does good actions that make her students want to do the same. Miss Wilson is funny and hilarious when teaching things. She has many different strategies for every school subject she teaches. Miss Wilson is always caring for her students no matter what happens! Also this teacher is the nicest one in the package! A loving and nice teacher can go a long way. Miss Wilson is so awesome with her kids.

The last reason why I respect Miss Wilson is the way she cares about the community so much. First, Miss Wilson donates money to the Leukemia Foundation. Also, she uses up her spare time donating and helping. Miss Wilson goes to educational meetings that make her a better teacher. If Miss Wilson does all that, that means she really loves and cares for our wonderful town which I call our beloved Smyrna!

Miss Wilson does a lot of things that show respect. So that is three out of many reasons why I appreciate Miss Mandi Wilson.

*Bray Fedele*

Second Place, Grade 4

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My big brother Alex is the most respectful person in the whole world. He's as respectful as twenty teachers. I see Alex do so many respectful things in his life, I almost faint! The word respectful means to me that someone is cooperative, kind, helpful and listens to many other people. Those things are exactly why I chose my big brother Alex as the most respectful person I know.

For example, he listens to everyone! (Yet he still talks.) Alex listens to ideas, questions, and details, and there are more things he listens to than you could ever count! Wow, isn't that a ton? My brother is learning about music so he has a music instructor. Instructor is pretty much the same meaning as a teacher. He always has the time to listen to their suggestions for music. He's extremely respectful. Another reason is our relatives. When my grandmother comes to visit Alex walks her up the steps, helps her get to the car, and several more! My brother really does listen to everyone.

Another different reason why my big brother is respectful is cooperating with every single person that he knows and even sometimes people he doesn't know. I have three brothers so we

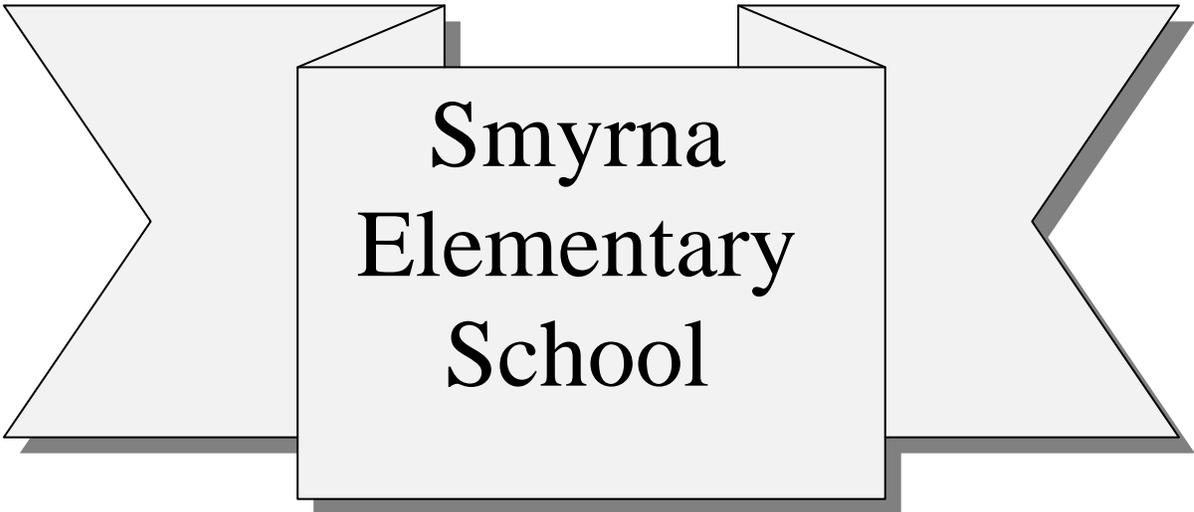
can fight, but my brother Alex and I always work out who's going to feed the dog and make dinner. Soon my other two brothers are turning sixteen this year so all my brothers are going to be able to drive me to and from school. But the good thing is that Alex will be there to keep them straight. My parents don't like us watching TV during the week so on weekends we try to get in as much as possible. So Alex always makes a schedule (weird). There are millions more reasons of when Alex cooperates with everyone.

Finally, my last reason about my brother is being helpful and generous. One of the best things about my brother is he volunteers at animal shelters (sometimes). Alex is as generous as an angel. As I said before my brother likes music so he helps out at churches and plays the piano for them. "Slam" the door said as my aunt and uncle came in! My big brother takes their suitcase up to their room. Alex is too kind!

Alex is my oldest brother, so we do fight sometimes. I can't believe my brother does all these things. He cooperates, helps, and listens. So even though my brother and I fight sometimes, I still think he's more respectful than anyone.

*Emily Marthaler*

Third Place, Grade 4



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*Grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, and 4*

I respect my mommy because she helps me get dinner ready and pick out clothes for school.

*Kaylee Casey*  
First Place, Kindergarten

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I respect my dad because he never lies. My dad is special because he helps me with my homework.

*Abigail Pierre Louis*  
Second Place, Kindergarten

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I respect my sister because she helps me.

*Layla Jackson*  
Third Place, Kindergarten

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I know a very, very honest person—it is my dad. He’s kind, fair and shares. I respect my dad because one time we were at my dad’s office and we smelled something. The place was on fire and he saved our lives! One time when we were playing a game and I asked for help, my dad helped me. When I was a baby he helped me walk. I hope I can be like my dad!

*Robert Mace*  
First Place, Grade 1

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The person I respect is my sister Cysha. She helps me sing and dance by myself. The choir can sing just like me. I respect her because she makes me brave and not scared to sing all by myself.

*Veronica Jones*  
Second Place, Grade 1

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My mommy shows respect. When we were at Burger King my mom saw a man and he said, “I don’t have any money to eat.” My mom said hold on, and she went to her car to get \$5. Then she went back to the man and gave it to him and the man ate. Have you done that before?

*Kelly Callahan*  
Third Place, Grade 1

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Do you want to know who respects me? Well, that is what I am writing all about. So listen carefully because that person is—Bella! Respect is when a person like Bella is kind and treats you the way you want to be treated. Bella does all of that—maybe more than that! First, she is always polite. Here is an example: Bella says please and thank you! Another way she respects me is she is kind. This is an example: Bella always uses kind words with me and other people too. One more way she respects me is she sometimes stands up for me. Here is an example: one time she stood up for me when one girl was not really respecting me. Now you should know all about how Bella respects me. Here is something to keep you thinking about respect. Has anyone ever respected you like Bella does to me?

*Morgan Belford*

First Place, Grade 2

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Do you know someone who shows you respect? I do, her name is Mrs. Scullion. Let me tell you some ways that she does. When I need help she helps me. She lets me do nice things like having candy, going outside, and doing fun things? Mrs. Scullion tries to make education fun, which she does. She teaches me very important things, so as I grow up I know things that were hard for me as a child aren't any more. Another way she shows me respect is since I'm a new kid she says that it doesn't count. Mrs. Scullion lets me borrow some things like scissors, glue, crayons, and magazines. So that's a person who shows me respect. I hope you know what respect is and how it works.

*Janae Johnson*

Second Place, Grade 2

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Do you want to know why I respect my dad? If you do you can find out ways you can show respect every day too. Do you? You do! Great! Here we go. Listen carefully. First he always keeps his word like when he says he will make spaghetti he always makes it. Ready for another way—he always, always is polite even when he is in a bad mood. Ready for three—he pays attention to everyone. Not only when talking but when doing anything. Ready for the last detail—he always uses a nice tone except when he is in a bad mood. These are some ways you can show respect every day. Do you show respect like my dad every day?

*Jenna Carroll*

Third Place, Grade 2

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Respect is when friends and people in the world are kind to you and you are kind to them. I'm writing about my sister. Elizabeth treats me the way I would like to be treated. She's kind to me and others and she always respects my property.

My sister always treats me the way I would like to be treated. She never ever was mean to me, and she never made fun of me. She never calls me names, and she defends me when other people are making fun of me. Elizabeth respects my property. Elizabeth never just walks into my room. She never takes my stuff without asking first. One time when her little sister was sleeping over and wanted to listen to my iPod, I was sleeping at a friend's house. But she called me on my phone and asked to use it. Lizzy is always kind to me. She never ever has disrespected me. She may be a relative, but she is just like a best friend.

Respect is an important detail to include in your lifetime. My sister Elizabeth respects me by treating me the way I would like to be treated, by being kind to me, and by respecting my property. Who has respected you in your lifetime?

*Cheyenne Strobel*

First Place, Grade 3

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Respect is when you are nice and kind to people. The person I'm telling you about is my mom. The three things I will tell you about her are how she is nice, encouraging and helpful to me. If you would like to know some more about respect, keep reading.

First, I'm going to tell you how nice she can be. She knows how to make us feel better, and she is mostly cheerful and kind, and also rarely grouchy. Next I'll tell you how she can be encouraging. When I get bad grades my mom says, "Oh, that's not good but be prepared for next time." Finally I'll tell you how she's helpful to me. She helps me with work, studies for tests, and helps me with projects.

That is how my mom respects me. She helps me, encourages me, and is nice to me. Who respects you the most? Maybe if you show respect to someone they might show respect to you.

*Justin Bautista*

Second Place, Grade 3

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Without a doubt, my mom is the person I respect. She does what she is supposed to do, and she's kind. She always lets me make my decisions. I chose my mom because, since I have known her, I should know to respect her. I'm dying to teach you about the person I respect the most!

First off, I respect mom a lot because she washes the dishes when it's her responsibility. Second, I respect her because she watches Olivia on the weekdays when Olivia isn't at day care. Third, she never lies at all. Fourth, if you need to do something you can trust her. Fifth, mom is always

trustworthy. Sixth, if I'm down in the dumps she will try to cheer me up by being kind to me. Seventh, I respect her because if Emily's sad she's kind to her. Finally if a lot of people are sad, she's kind to them.

Well, now you know about why I respect my mom. Maybe you will pick your mom when you do this essay! I feel proud for my mom because I can list a lot of ideas why I respect her. Now I have a question for you: Who do you respect?

*Douglas Mancini*

Third Place, Grade 3

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Do you know what respect means? If you respect someone it purely means you look up to them. You may admire or think a lot of that person. The person you respect should have special actions, values, and qualities. I know my particular person does. That particular person is known by the name of Mrs. Griffiths. Maybe you recognize her name from the newspaper or as the social worker for the school district. Enough chatter about that. Let's move on to the three reasons why I respect Mrs. Griffiths.

With this economy people are losing jobs daily. They are losing money. Mrs. Griffiths has not only noticed, but put herself into action. An example would be this Christmas. A meal was being served for the poor. As kind as she was, she asked to volunteer. She was turned down, but on the night of the meal she appeared and worked to serve the meal. That is what I call special actions

Let's dig deeper into the details of her job. She is a social worker for the SSD or the Smyrna School District. That means she helps the homeless kids within the district. Think about that. Every day she reaches out to the kids in need to give them a home. How could you not respect that? Truly though, that is a very special quality right there.

Let's talk about a special value of hers—volunteering. Mrs. Griffiths has volunteered countless times for teachers, for the poor, for the church, for her kids' activities, and many other things. Why do you think people volunteer? They volunteer because they care. Caring is another part of respect. When Mrs. Griffith volunteers, she puts her all into it to show she truly cares.

I have proven to you that Mrs. Griffiths shows special values, qualities and actions—all the things that make up respect. What do you think of Mrs. Griffiths?

*Leah Gaynor*

First Place, Grade 4

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Welcome! I respect my dad a lot. Respect means that you look up to someone. Also you could admire or think a lot of the person. My dad means a lot to me and I love him so much. I respect him because he's always there for me.

I respect my dad (Adam) because when I need him he's there for me. He takes me where I want to eat (Hardees) and we have little daddy-daughter dates. He gets me what I want, and from when I was a baby 'til now he loves me and I love him with all my heart. He got me a guitar and I love Taylor Swift so he got me a Taylor Swift book for the guitar. For now he plays and I sing. Oh, I just thought of this funny joke. My dad was at B & B Music and Taylor Swift uses only one capo and we bought two. The guy said, "I thought Taylor Swift only uses one capo." Ha, ha, ha!

*Corynn Southard*

Second Place, Grade 4

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Are you wondering who I think is respectful? Well I think my stepdad David is. He is so-o-o respectful because he is very honest, outgoing, and he perseveres so much. That is why I chose him for this prompt.

David is so honest because if he ever got into trouble he would tell the story like it was. What I mean by that is he wouldn't make up details different than what he saw or what he did. He would never ever lie to his sister if something happened. David would tell why it was so bad and not make anything up that might scare her. David is very honest with all the kids at Smyrna Elementary School. That's why David is so respectful, but that's not all I'm going to tell you.

Another reason why I admire David is because he is so outgoing. He is so outgoing because he goes to work and doesn't get frustrated. He comes home from work and cooks dinner, takes everybody to all the sports we have, and then, at about eight o'clock, we sit down and have a family dinner every night. That is another reason why I respect my stepfather David. If a kid at Smyrna Elementary School disappoints him he will be so respectful to all the other kids.

David perseveres so much because he fell off of his motorcycle and broke his knee. He never gave up and that is what perseverance means—never giving up and trying time after time. He inspires me because he tried his hardest to get up the stairs and lay in a real bed instead of a hospital bed downstairs where he never got to sleep. I think that is a special quality. He even made dinner when he was on crutches. We still sat down at the table and had the fantastic dinner he made. Everybody who perseveres has a quality.

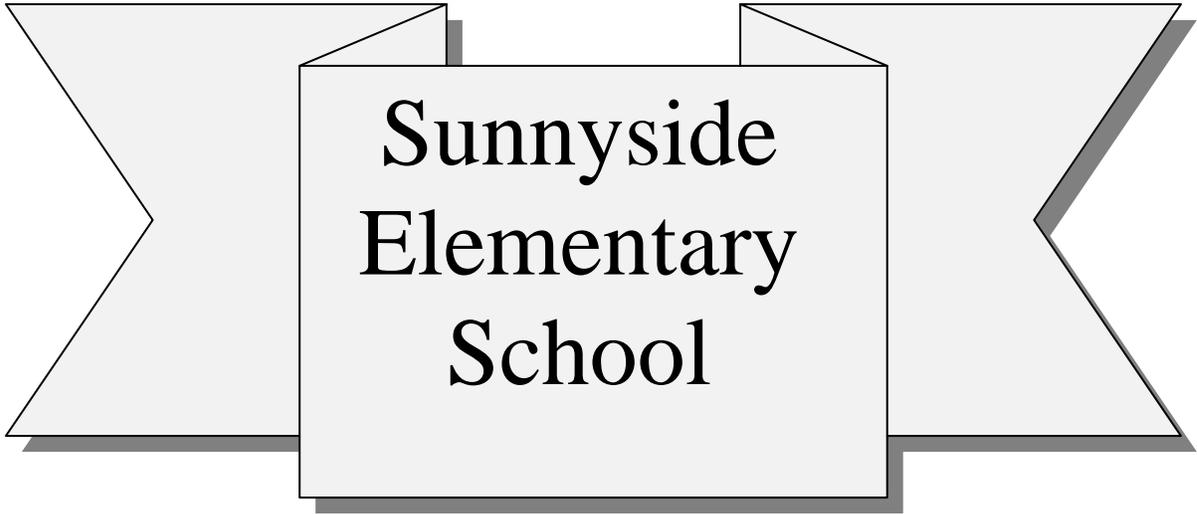
Now that you know what respect is, you can pick a person you respect and be sure they are honest, outgoing, and persevere a lot. I hope you enjoyed my prompt.

ps Respect is also like if you fall down you pick yourself right back up on your feet.

*Abby Mace*

Third Place, Grade 4

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*Grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, and 4*

I respect my best friend. She is my cousin. Her name is CC. I care about her and she cares about me.

*Brooke Duke*  
First Place, Kindergarten

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I respect my friends because they give me cards and pictures.

*Grace Jansen*  
Second Place, Kindergarten

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Respect is being nice to your friends. Kiersten and I clean up.

*Madison Barber*  
Third Place, Kindergarten

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Do you know a respectful person? I know Alex. She is respectful to others. That's why I like her. Respect is when you are nice. Alex is respectful to her white and brown dog by letting her out. She plays with her. She is nice because she uses manners. Alex cheers up people. She follows the rules. Alex is respectful of her little brother because she shares with him and she plays with him. That is why she is respectful.

*Adella Masten*  
First Place, Grade 1

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Can I tell you what it means to show respect? Respect is being helpful to others. My cousin shows respect by sharing a Batman game. I turn in my toys to the kids who need them. I show them respect. When I show respect it is super because it makes others feel good inside.

*Jaden Bain*  
Second Place, Grade 1

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Do I know someone who shows respect? Yes, I do! My mommy shows respect. She follows rules and listens to her boss. My mommy helps me with my homework. I love my mommy because she is nice, lovable, and confident. She makes me different food when my three siblings

like it and I do not. She gives me cash when I need it. Mommy says showing respect is fun!

*Rebecca King*

Third Place, Grade 1

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What if your life didn't have fighting, punching, or hitting—just respect? Let me tell you about an intelligent, respectful person I know! She has pretty oval glasses and black hair. She has tan skin. Every day I start out with a beautiful "Good morning Erin. How are you?" The intelligent, respectful person I know is my favorite teacher Mrs. Gaston.

My mornings are usually lousy, but when I get to school my whole world turns over. My work might be really hard, but I know Mrs. Gaston is always there for me. At math it's hard to rip out my page. Mrs. Gaston shows respect to her papers, and rips them out carefully. I must admit it, when I first saw her in first grade I wanted Mrs. Deisem instead. But then I saw her wearing a weird Mexican hat, and I love funny teachers! So I decided to have her instead. When I walked into the classroom she said, "Well I'm guessing this is Erin. Welcome!" I was very shy, but for the past year I felt closer to her. Every time I get home late it's about 8:25 and I have to go to bed before I do my homework. Mrs. Gaston says, "That's okay. Do it tonight!" Sometimes I get made fun of and she takes care of it all. I have a lot of funny, kind teachers but Mrs. Gaston is one of my favorites. One of my favorite times with her was when she gave me a pumpkin pie! It was one of the first days of school and that's one of the days I was a little shy. Next year I want to stop by so I can help her because I love to help. It is very fun! I am really looking forward to it. You're the best Mrs. Gaston! My life will never be the same without a great teacher like Mrs. Gaston.

*Erin Finney*

First Place, Grade 2

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Respect means to be honest to teachers. I have a special classmate who can show respect and her name is Danni. Danni is one of my friends from Sunnyside Elementary School. I know her by playing with her and reading. Also I like working with her. Danni is very special by never being rude. I know that she's very funny and nice. Also she's friendly to everyone. I respect Danni because she never gives up on anything. Also she's nice and she would leave the game to let me play. I learned respect from Danni because she's a nice friend.

*Samaria Jackson*

Second Place, Grade 2

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Dear Soldiers: I wanted to write to you because you fight for us to keep us safe and for us to have a super life. I feel so, so safe when you fight for our rights in the air, the land, and the

oceans. Do you know why I respect you? I respect you because you fight day and night for the U.S.A; plus you are super brave because it takes a super brave person to risk their life for us. I respect what you do because you go fight on land for us. You zoom to go save your people and you glide to be safe from anything that will hurt you. I think we can be friends because you mean a lot to me and you help the country to be the country that we will always remember. I hope we can get in touch soon.

*Emily Thompson*  
Third Place, Grade 2

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Ding dong, are your heads clear because I'm about to tell you about some serious stuff. There are a lot of people that I respect like my mom, my dad, and lots of other people. There is only one person that I truly admire and that person is someone who is kind, compassionate, responsible, and a lot of other things that you can't nearly imagine. This person is mostly respectful and that's what I love the most. The person I am talking about is my Mom-Mom Cat. The reason why I respect her so much is because of what she did for me. She helped me through rough times, and she helped my family. All of these reasons tell how my mom-mom is a good person, and I want to be a good person and learn from her.

To begin with, my mom-mom has used a lot of energy and hours of her time when she cared for me. My mom, dad, and I depended a lot on my mom-mom those several years that she was with us. What she did was, when I didn't understand my homework some nights, my mom-mom would always step up and try to help me the best she could. Also, she would always let me read to her so I would get 100's on my AR quizzes. I respect these two things that my mom-mom did for me because it shows me that she cares about my school work. Another way my mom-mom has helped with me is when she cooked dinner every night, and that took lots of courage to just do something every single night and then just throw it all away. What hurts me the most is that when my mom-mom had to leave us she was crying so hard like a squirrel when it wakes up from winter hibernation and sees that somebody chucked down all of his nuts. These other two reasons show me that my mom-mom cares for me around the house. The final things that my mom-mom did for me is tuck me in at night so I would be cozy and warm during my sleeping time. She also let me stay up all night long if I wanted to and watch TV on weekends. These other two reasons tell me that my mom-mom cares about me at night. All of these ideas are reasons I respect my mom-mom when she used to care for me.

The next extremely respectful thing my mom-mom did that made my heart shine like the sun was when I was going through rough times she helped me. One of the times that she helped me get through is when my baby brother died when he was only three months old. She told me that he was in a better place and that he was with her mommy and daddy sitting in their laps. When I was sad that I wasn't going to get a puppy for my birthday, because my mom and dad didn't have the money, my mom-mom stood up straight and got it for me as a surprise present. That really made me admire her a lot more because if somebody did that for you what would you do? Think about that while I tell you more. My mom-mom also did something else when my head hurt and I had no medicine at all. She gave me medicine and she made me calm down. She made me feel better. My mom-mom did all of these things that made me respect her a whole lot more than I already did.

Finally, I respect my mom-mom because of when she helped my family when it was hard for them. When it was rough for some people a long time ago my mom-mom was a good person. My family and I lost our house, but it wasn't too late because my mom-mom let us stay at her house. She had to take the risk of sleeping on a chair with a little blanket so my mom and dad could sleep in her room. That made me feel so sad because nobody should have to do that. Do you know what I mean? But my mom-mom told me that it wasn't us that made our old house go bye-bye, so I am a lot happier. Generous people always deserve something good but my mom-mom did not get something good happen to her. She let my family almost take over her house and nothing good happened to her. I know that my mom-mom is going to live a long time, because you know what they say: if you don't get the love you'll get the air for a long time. Oh and what I love the most about myself—I want to be like mom-mom (which means I want to be like her). When my mom and dad's car broke down she let us use hers so now she doesn't have any car to do anything she wants. My mom-mom is the type of person who is amazing to other people. One time my mom-mom even had to do a lot of things in the house, or we would have to leave. Now there are all kinds of things that my mom-mom should be honored for doing.

As you can see my mom-mom is an honorable person and I couldn't live without her. If I didn't have her I would probably drive myself bonkers because she has done all of these things. If she wasn't here I would never have learned to do all of the things I do. I wouldn't be able to do the things I do because I have nobody else that I admire more than her. What she did that is so important to me is when she cared for me, when she helped me through rough times, and when she helped my family. What I meant by what she did for me is that she used to live with me and do all of these things.

ps I know this isn't such a good writing piece but I got the ideas from my heart.

*McKenzie Gearhart*

First Place, Grade 3

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Have you ever had somebody who you really respect? I did. Her name was Gabrielle Lane. Unfortunately, Gabrielle (Gabbi) moved away last year. Now you are going to take a trip back in time to see why I still remember her. The number one reason I remember her is for her responsibility. Gabbi wasn't the type of person who brought back their homework every day and completed all her assignments. She was way better! Of course she did that stuff but sometimes she brought extra snacks for no reason. It made everyone happy. The best part of her responsibility was her behavior. She never got in trouble a day in her life. That's not all I respect her for. I respect her for her compassion. She showed compassion to anyone who needed it. I remember every day Gabbi came over to my desk and said good morning. If someone fell she would help them up, and if it was really bad she'd get a teacher. She stood up to bullying, too. She would tell them to stop or tell on them. Lastly it's her respect for other people! She was nice to everyone. She treated people the way she wanted to be treated. Gabbi has no history of bullying, and last year she was always respected. Gabrielle was a wonderful role model for everyone. Even though she moved she is "2 good 2 b forgotten."

*Azariah Torain*

Second Place, Grade 3

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Do you want to know who I look up to? Well, if you do I'll tell you. She respects me which means I look up to her. The person who I respect is my mom-mom! She used to take care of my pop-pop but he died in Vietnam. In this writing you'll notice how she babysits me, makes me feel special, and always makes the right choices.

First off, my mom-mom sleeps till 8:00 so she can get a good sleep so she can babysit me. First, my mom-mom plays rhyme with me when I get off the bus. In this game of rhyme we play with my brother.

Next, when my mom and dad are gone my mom-mom lets me sleep with her. When I sleep with her she lets me watch TV. Finally she comes over to our house and watches me and my brother. She does that by watching for my sister's bus. When she says, "bus," I get out my homework. If I didn't know her, I would have to go home by myself and watch my little brother till 4:00. So that's how I respect my mom-mom when she babysits me.

Next, my mom-mom is a nice person and she makes me feel special. She makes me feel special because she rewards me. To do that she takes me somewhere special like BK. Also she keeps me healthy. She does that by keeping fruit out on a table so I can eat it. Talking about that, she has a huge pool for our family. I think I'll be talking about how she keeps me strong and she does that by letting our family swim in her pool. She puts sun block on me and she turns on the water slide. Finally, in the summer my mom-mom is so nice that she lets me have my birthday party at her house. If my mom-mom didn't have a pool I wouldn't get my daily exercise in the summer. That is how I respect her.

Finally, she always makes the right choices, especially in the morning when she watches for the bus for me. I'm happy because she yells "bus" when she sees it. Also, she helps me on my tough homework that I can't understand. What I mean is she checks it. Sometimes she comes over and washes the clothes. I respect that because she tells me to put clothes on that are 29% handsome. I respect this because she gives her time to watch me.

As you can read, my mom-mom is important to my life because I look up to her. Also, she has respect deep in her heart, but she shows it out in the open by what she does for me. She teaches me how to show respect and be kind. I respect all of this because my mom-mom babysits me, makes me feel special, and finally always makes the right choices.

*Logan Strauss*

Third Place, Grade 3

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Have you ever met someone who shines with respect? Respect is defined as a feeling of honor and admiration (or in other words) my teacher Mrs. Daniels. Mrs. Daniels is polite, fair, friendly, grateful, helpful, and of course respectful.

First of all, I respect Mrs. Daniels because she is a great teacher and she is funny and kind. Personally, I think if Mrs. Daniels had a nickname it would be lollypop because she is sweet. Second she respects people's privacy. Her son Caden is a very good boy because he has a wonderful, respectful mother. Third, she is one of the most respectful people I know. These are just some of the reasons I respect Mrs. Daniels.

You know I respect a lot of people but Mrs. Daniels is one of the people I respect the most. There are lots of reasons I respect her and she respect lots of people. She is very loving with her children and fair and friendly with her students. Respect is one of her things and she does it all the time.

Earlier you didn't know how respectful Mrs. Daniels was but now you see how she shines with respect.

*Elizabeth Morton*

First Place, Grade 4

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Do you have a special person who shows respect? Respect is showing great consideration and care for another. My special person who shows respect is my best friend. I call her my role model and her name is Olyvia Smith. My relationship with Olyvia has gone on for five years. She has made me the person I am today, and I'm respectful because of her. My great friend taught me how to be generous and that's who I am!

Next, Olyvia has many qualities and values. I love these the most. Olyvia is sympathetic to my feelings because she is always there for me. She is warm-hearted by the way she treats me and how protective she is over animals. I am moved by the way Olyvia loves life and how she thinks outside the box. She respects my space. She is my role model and I'm fascinated by how trustworthy she is and how she follows the rules. I wish one day to be just like her.

Last, but not least, my friend Olyvia watches her actions and respects them. At our Force practice at 5:30 we picked four corners. In four corners, I went against Olyvia and we were doing the back pedal. Then I fell backwards because I went too fast and fell on my back. So Olyvia ran over, quit the race, and came and helped me back on my feet. Then, she ran back to the bench, put ice on my back and stayed there with me the whole time. I felt embarrassed that I fell backwards, but I felt grateful to have someone to fall back on.

The closing is all about Olyvia and what she means to me. My friend Olyvia shows great respect in our community. I'm so lucky that I found her five years ago; she's my best friend. So Olyvia gets respect in many ways as you can see. Respect is showing great consideration and care for another. I hope you have a special person like mine!

*Hayley DiCarlantonio*

Second Place, Grade 4

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Do you know what respect is? Respect is showing great consideration and care for one another. I know someone who shows great respect. Her name is Alexis Ellington. She is one great friend. I've known Alexis since I was six years old. Our friendship is filled with respect.

The qualities that Alexis shows are being generous, giving, helpful, and of course respectful. She is as generous as the president of the United States. She is very warm-hearted. She values being a nice friend, but not just to me—to everybody around her. She is my role model. She is never rude or mean to others. When others are feeling glum she never ignores that. She likes to fix the problem.

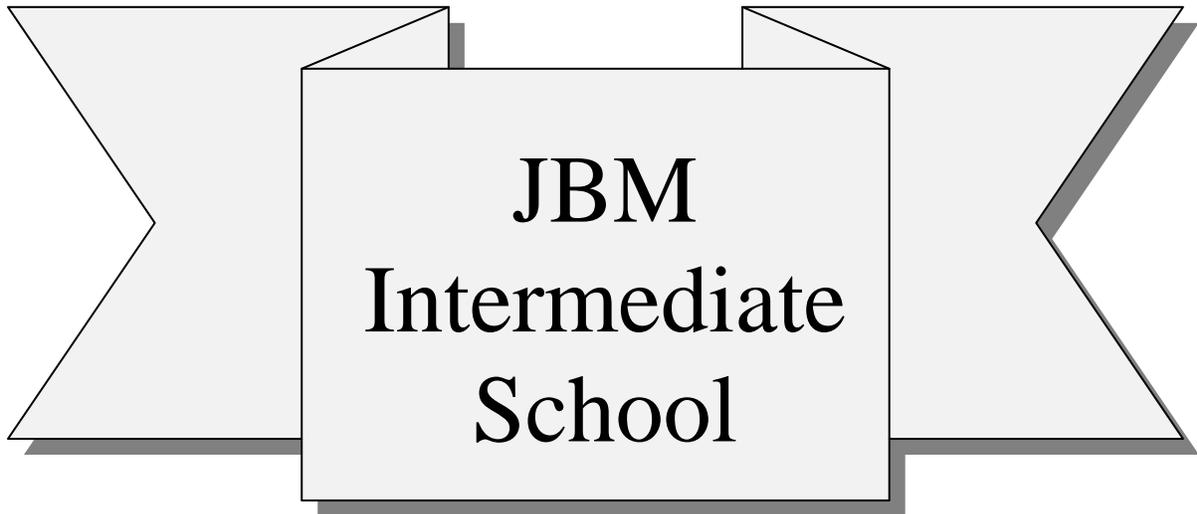
The time I remember Alexis showed respect is when I slipped and fell. When I slipped, everybody laughed except Alexis because that's what respect is—caring for others. So, Alexis reached down and helped me up. When I got up she asked me if I was okay. After that I felt joyful. She really shows respect to me.

I hope you now know what respect is. I am so lucky to have Alexis in my life. She always shows respect to me. My friend Alexis shows all of the core values, not just respect. I hope you have a friend just like this wonderful person.

*Shannon Glew*

Third Place, Grade 4

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*Grades 5 and 6*

The person that I respect the most is my brother, Alec Shalk. He values respect the most. Alec shows respect to everyone, everywhere. Respect is probably the most important quality someone could have because it means to hold in high regard, which means to think highly of someone or something. Respect is a core value everyone should have and should display.

Everyone loves their parents and always tries their best to impress them. This is hard when your brother treats your mom and dad like royalty as Alec does. Alec makes sure that the volume on the TV is not too loud so that our parents do not get annoyed. This benefits everyone in my family because my mom gets really angry when she gets home and nobody cleans the house. When Alec does nice things like asking her if the TV is too loud, it lightens the mood a bit. Alec doesn't just show respect to our parents, he shows respect to me. He gives back what he takes without it being damaged. For example, he had my iPod charger in his room for almost a week, but he returned it without the wire tangled up. Even more impressive was when I gave it to him the wire was tangled up, but Alec was kind enough to fix it for me. Alec also stayed in my room on a cot over Christmas break because our grandmom came and stayed in his room. I let Alec put all his stuff in my room, which means his 300 baseball cards, his blankets, his iPod, his book bag, his trumpet, his band book, and, after Christmas, all his presents. The day my grandmom left, Alec went upstairs and took everything out of my room and cleaned it up. He even helped me put the cot away, which by the way is from the 1980's so the plastic part that holds it together takes forever to put back on. The respect that Alec displays at our house is essential.

At public places, Alec demonstrates respect to citizens and their communities. When we are at a park we usually bring some snacks to eat. If Alex drops trash, he always picks it up. At a restaurant, he shows his manners the most. Once, we went to a restaurant and Alec saw a dime on the floor. Of course he wanted to pick it up, but he knew my mom and dad wouldn't be happy if Alec picked it up so he did not. Alec consistently uses his manners by saying please and thank you to everyone around him. Another example of Alec's continued respect is at the movies. The key idea at the movies is to stay quiet because, after all, no one likes to listen to their movie when someone is talking about their weekend or kicking the back of their seat. My brother will do the exact opposite. Alec keeps his mouth shut at the movies and doesn't kick seats. Alec is a model of respect regardless of who is around or where he is.

At school sometimes it is hard to be respectful. For example, if you have been waiting with your hand up for twenty-five minutes longing to use the bathroom, does that give you the right to call out? No, unlike other students Alec is capable of raising his hand. Shutting your locker loudly can make teachers furious. Alex saves our class by remembering to shut his locker quietly. Alec helps us to stay out of trouble. The hardest way to be respectful at school is to say the pledge in the morning. Saying the pledge is respectful to our country, but when you have morning work you're so tempted to just scribble down one more letter. Instead of procrastinating, Alec immediately shows his respect for our county by saying the pledge loud and proud.

Alec is a role model of respect. He shows it to the community, school, and people. If there were more people like him in the world it would be a better place to live. Alec's respect goes a long way and makes it easier to have an enjoyable, happy life. Respect is an important core value.

*Colin Shalk*

First Place, Grade 5

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Everyone has someone they respect or look up to. That person for me is my mom. I know a whole lot of people look up to their mom or dad and that's perfect because kids need to watch their role model's deeds to help them make decisions in life. But I'm starting to get off topic. I'm writing this to show you readers why I respect my mom so here are the three "categories" I came up with! I came up with housekeeper (it means cleaning our house), caregiver (she raises five kids), and of course model citizen! So this would be the part where I say, "Okay now first off, we're going to talk about how my mom's an excellent housekeeper." Well, yes, that's exactly what I was going to say.

The first and foremost thing I think makes my mom such a role model to my siblings and me is how she is such a great housekeeper. Okay, so any mess is like some type of Starwars battle. One time my sister got chocolate on our carpet and my mom had at least three cans of some spray, a wet vac, and a vacuum with at least 95 attachments! Also, she's so organized when it comes to clothes like with the whole dark/light wash concept. I would get an F if it was a test; like, what's red supposed to be, couldn't it go either way? And folding! She knows everyone's clothes but we have five kids and when I try sorting my older brother gets pants two sizes too small! And shirts, they are my worst enemy. I always mess up but my mom has such skills. Another thing my mom does to keep the house "usable" is supplying it with tons of the best foods. Whenever she gets a treat like Tasty Cakes my little brothers inhale them. Well, that's it for "housekeeper."

Next, of course, we have "caregiver." The first reason I think my mom is the best mom in the world is that she feeds us a healthy, fresh-baked meal for dinner, breakfast, and lunch when there's no school. I can always count on her to put my clean clothes in my drawer, make me a healthy snack after school, and provide a good really "not" quiet environment (because of my little sister whose favorite activity is to cry) but it's clean! Even though some people don't help out and just go outside to play a game, I think we should all help out our parents. I play with my sister after I'm done my homework and, even though most times I don't want to, I help my brothers with their homework. I also can count on my mom to provide advice and help me make the right decision when I'm not sure (I don't mean school work though). She is an all-round role model mom. Well that's about it for "caregiver." Next up on respect is role model citizen coming up right after this.

All right, last but not least, another reason I respect my mom is that she's a model citizen. We have five core values here at JBM and my mom has every single one of them. First we have respect. She respects everyone she meets by talking in a polite tone and making sure everyone is treated the way they should be. Next up, we have responsibility. My mom does everything she's supposed to and more. She takes care of all of her errands and chores in an orderly fashion. Then we have integrity. I can always count on my mom to give me the right information and never lie. She always knows what the weather is so if I ask her and if she says it will rain, it will rain. No one can forget one of the most important core values is compassion. My mom always rushes to the rescue if my little sis runs and falls. I mean with kids a person has to have plenty of compassion. Finally we have (drum roll) perseverance. My mom tries her best at everything that will challenge her—even potty training a little girl.

That, my folks, are all the reasons why I respect my mom so dearly. In case you forgot here are the main categories. Roll call: housekeeper, caregiver, and last but definitely not least model citizen.

*Ryan Dean*

Second Place, Grade 5

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A lot of people say respect is how you treat others the way you want to be treated, which is true. But in my opinion respect means someone you look up to who is nice, kind, caring, and a great role model.

I know many, many people who respect their mom, and so do I. One of my major role models who I respect and they respect me is my best friend (who is more like my sister) ShiAnn!

Many people (but not all) think that someone you respect and is your role model has to be older than you, but they actually don't! ShiAnn is actually younger than me by only two months (I was born in September and she was born in November). I know you are probably asking yourself, "How can your best friend who is younger than you be your role model?" Well, ShiAnn is nice, kind, trustful, funny, truthful, and a great friend/role model.

I respect ShiAnn because ShiAnn respects me, too! ShiAnn respects me by listening to me, making me feel happy when I'm down, and always being there for me (oh and I do the same for her).

Now you know what respect means in my opinion, who I respect, and why I respect that person. Respect is pretty much a great role model. I respect my best friend ShiAnn, and I respect her because she is always there for me!

*Jadyn Brown*

Third Place, Grade 5

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Respect is tolerance. Respect is how you treat others and the ability to notice the feelings of people around you. I think I'm lucky to know so many people who demonstrate respect. Someone once said, "Go easy on the hearts of friends, and they will always be true. Be rude and they will turn on you." This person was my pop-pop, and he is someone I respect.

Pop-pop demonstrates respect in many ways. One of them is how he always notices the feelings of people around him. He always seems to notice when somebody is upset. My little brothers and sister get upset over the smallest things. Pop-pop never laughs or makes fun of them. He has been comforting many times to people, but I think a good example is when one of his coworkers of seven years passed away. Pop-pop went to work on his day off to visit and comfort his boss and coworkers. On this day, he displayed his sense of humor to cheer them up some. This is something very few people outside our family get to see.

I've always known my pop-pop to have an attitude of high tolerance, especially around kids. "When there are kids, there's noise," he always says. He's always being awakened early on holidays and never seems to be bothered by the noise. There have been times when my mom was so sick she couldn't move, and my pop-pop has always been there to make sure the younger kids were ready for school and got on the bus. He babysat my younger cousin when he himself wasn't in the best of health. "Just because you're sick doesn't mean you can't go to work," he always says.

I've always believed that the smallest things in life can brighten someone's day. Pop-pop was recently diagnosed with liver cancer. Even with his sickness, he still tries to go to church every week. Two Sundays ago we found out that two other members of our church also have some type of cancer. Last Sunday pop-pop got the phone number of one of those people. When we got home he went directly to his room and called Sue because she was told her surgery was being pushed back and she might not live to the scheduled surgery. My pop-pop told her, "I just wanted to let you know I'm here if you would want to talk." After his phone call he looked at me and said, "Go easy on the hearts and they will always know you care." It would have meant a lot to me, if I were Sue, to have someone I've known less than a year check on me like that. Sue called back later that day with the news that she didn't have a limited time to live. My pop-pop's call inspired her to call her doctor and see if there was any possible way that her surgery could be sooner. Her surgery is now in two weeks.

So in a nutshell many people say my pop-pop is a very polite and inspiring person with an attitude of high tolerance, and he is great at noticing the feelings of others around him. He babysits sick kids and goes to work when he's not in the best of health. He handles kids (or people) with attitudes and never raises his voice. Ultimately I think respect itself is an attitude that my pop-pop has every day. What qualities do you think a person who shows respect should have?

*Breanna Mullikin*

First Place, Grade 6

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Respect means to treat people the way you want to be treated. Have you ever met somebody who shows or has shown respect in your everyday life? Well I have and this person is my elementary school counselor, Mr. VanVeen.

Mr. VanVeen is always around when you need help with your problems. He takes time out of his free time to help you if he sees you are down or crying. Speaking of that, he also makes sure of it. If it's the end of the day and he can't get to you, he makes sure that he'll get to you first thing the next day. Even though you're feeling all better, he's still all ears if you need to talk. That isn't all. When there are other distractions around, Mr. VanVeen makes sure he's done with you first. Of course you were there before the other distractions but still it is respectful of him to put you first.

He is also one of the best role models I know. I mean, seriously, everyone looks up to him. Every time his name pops up in a conversation I hear nothing but good comments about him.

Mr. VanVeen is always helping people as well. Like if you drop your stuff and there's nobody around you, Mr. VanVeen comes to the rescue. If you need help with anything at all, he's always there when you need him.

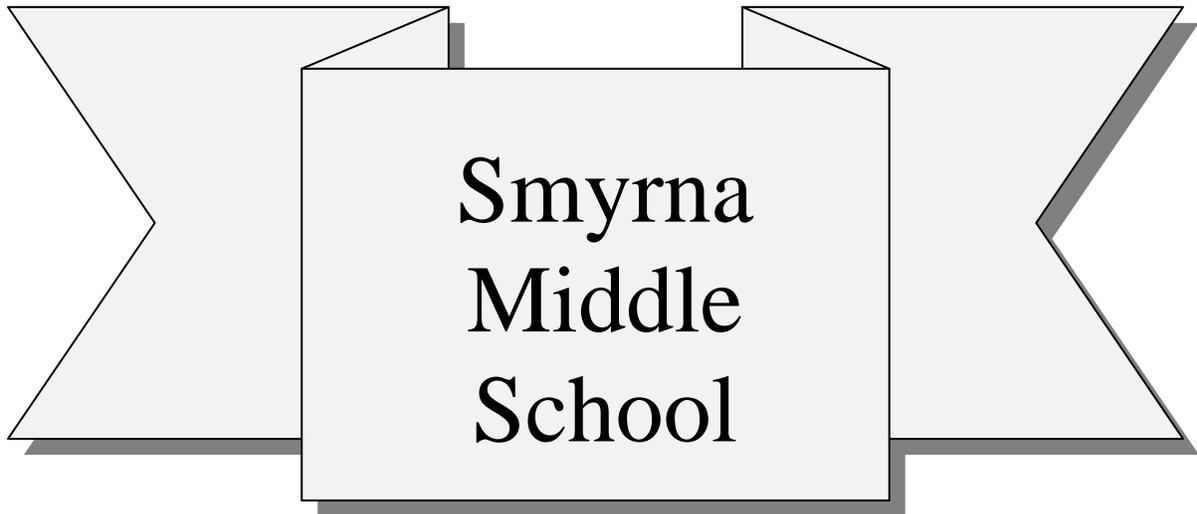
Finally Mr. VanVeen is always supportive of your problems. Like giving you awesome advice when you need it, because you know what they say, "There's always an answer for everything." He's always by your side 100% of the time or if you just need a friend. Just like any other person, he's always checking up on you from time to time just to make sure that you're okay and doing good.

As we all know, respect means to treat people the way you want to be treated. I think my elementary school counselor, Mr. VanVeen, shows that core value to the fullest. From always being around when you need help with your problems to always being supportive. Hey, maybe "respect" is just in his blood.

*Elicie Edmond*

Third Place, Grade 6

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*Grades 7 and 8*

It is February 7, 1969, at Hialeah Park racetrack in Florida. The horses are just jogging out of the “tunnel,” getting prepared to be fastened into the gates. Before the race can begin, a murmur washes through the crowd. “Is that a woman on number fourteen? No way is that a woman.” Not one person can comprehend that a lady is riding but it is right before their eyes. Some are waiting for the announcer to say “just kidding” and have this woman gracefully dismount the horse to take her place in the stands. This did not happen. This was the first time anyone had seen a woman atop a horse on the racetrack. This woman did not win that day, but surely Diane Crump is the person I respect because she was the first woman jockey. She gave women who dream of being a jockey a path to follow, and she proved to everyone women are just as good as men.

The title Diane Crump holds—“The First Ever Female Jockey”—is one which many dream of, and one which comes with a lot of respect. Atop Bridle ‘n Bit at age 20, Diane was the first woman to run and grab that title from its sacred podium. She not only proved she could ride in any race, but the most prestigious and famous one of all—the Kentucky Derby. Yet again she shocked the horse racing world shortly after her ride in Florida, by racing in the 1970 Derby riding a horse named Phantom. Even though Ms. Crump came in fifteenth in a seventeen horse race, she still crossed that finish line as a winner.

On that bleak February day, Diane did not only complete a feat for the history books, but one that cleared the path of a male-dominated sport. To this day horse racing is mostly an all-male sport, but there are some women who beat the statistics and are jockeys. Before all those fans had seen Diane come out of the tunnel, everyone expected racing to be an all-male sport. They said women were not good enough to race. They set up that “wall.” Diane Crump surprisingly broke down that wall, shining a light for the women who secretly dreamed of being jockeys. This is why I respect Ms. Crump. She was the one with the inner strength to break down that wall and lead us in the right direction.

In the effort of charging the mountain and reaching the top, Diane proved to everybody who said that women couldn’t be jockeys that they actually can. Even during and after her career, Diane still had to deal with the resentment of many in the sport who were against female jockeys. I believe though when Diane put her foot in that iron and hopped aboard that thoroughbred she did not do it to prove to anyone that she could do it. She did it simply to be able to shine that light at the end of the tunnel for others to travel through. I respect Ms. Diane Crump not because she proved to people that a woman could do it, but because she paved the way for others to follow, to stand alongside men in the starting gate, to hear that bell go off and feel that surge of power beneath them.

Respectful people, such as Diane Crump, are a necessity in our society today. Good people who want to make a difference are essential because they create a path for us to walk on. Respectful people also do not care if others put them down or have prejudice against them. These role models only care about making a difference for the good. I feel Diane Crump demonstrates all of these traits and that is why I respect her.

*Gabrielle DiRusso*

First Place, Grade 7

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There is a man who lives in Smyrna, Delaware. This man taught other people respect, but not the kind that kids write about in essays all the time. He taught the true meaning of the word. He's a teacher, a gem of a teacher most people never get a chance to work with. His only curriculum is to teach by example. My dad shows kindness to everyone no matter what race, wealth, background, or appearance. He is selfless and determined so nothing in the world can bring him down.

The people who judge other people's kindness often overlook the little things: the please, the thank you, holding doors for complete strangers, and being polite not to just a few people but to everyone. Did anyone ever tell them that details are the most important? Kindness is directing people in Lowe's when seeing someone in need and taking your time to see that they're informed. Kindness is cutting your hedges and cutting the neighbor's. Kindness is shoveling snow at your family's house, your mom's, and four other neighbors in her development.

Being selfless is a virtue that my father had the grace to receive. Several people in Biloxi, Mississippi, know this better than we probably ever will. My dad volunteers every year to go down to either Mississippi or Louisiana to rebuild homes that are still affected by hurricane Katrina. He stays for a week and helps those who can't build by themselves or just don't have the money. The only thing that he really wants from those people is a smile and a look of happiness or joy. He worked on four houses over the course of one week, and he did all this for the benefit of the people.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." My father has not been satisfied when a job is "good enough" or "okay." He strives for perfection. He has never been discouraged in any troubling time. He is determined to build the best house he can with his self-taught carpentry skills. That determination paid off when he built a house that withstood a hurricane and became one of the best houses I've ever lived in.

Respect is a virtue that everyone has, but just has a hard time using. Without respectful people the world would be a terrible place. It's comforting to know people are looking out for each other; these people, the respectful people, shape our world. We need these people—people like my dad.

*Brandon Bishop*  
Second Place, Grade 7

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Colleen sat enjoying the day at Washington State Park with paints spread out on a blank canvas in front of her. She looked out at the breathtaking view of the San Juan Islands at sunset that stretched before her. Painting was something she loved along with her family that she always took care of—even after she was diagnosed with cancer. She was determined to keep living her life to its fullest potential. Aunt Colleen is one of the most respectful people I know because she was successful, selfless, very adventurous, and positive.

Balancing success, respect for others, and spending time with family is no easy job but Aunt Coleen could handle that and so much more. Even though she was busy creating artwork and becoming very popular, she still spent time with the people that mattered most. She specialized in water color with her paintings published in eight books and hanging in galleries from New York to Hawaii. Seeing her artwork when I was younger inspired me to become interested in art myself. Having a role model who is so respectful and inspirational is very important to me.

I couldn't imagine going through three different kinds of cancer and still doing everything I could for other people. Aunt Colleen did that. She cared for her kids and my grandparents. They were her number one priority. No matter what, she was there for them, making sure her son got to all his Boy Scout meetings and camps. Being the selfless, supportive person she was, Aunt Colleen was a pillar to the members of her cancer support group. She made the decision to donate her body to science so people with her disease could eventually be cured. Before she passed on she would do anything and everything she could to be a role model for anyone in her life.

Aunt Colleen lived every day like it was her last. She took her family on her travels around the world, having new experiences and making new memories. In order to develop her art skills, she studied in Mexico creating new artwork that won numerous awards. Aunt Colleen was one of the most positive people in my life. She didn't worry about the small stuff, like leaving dirty dishes around. She was always looking at the bigger picture with her extensive travels. The world wasn't big enough for Aunt Colleen, but she always did the best with what she had.

Having one single respectful person in the world can create a ripple of respect in the world. Being respectful to at least one person can inspire or encourage someone to treat others how they were treated. Without caring, considerate people to be role models, kids like me wouldn't have a positive person to look up to. Overall, respect has a major effect on people's everyday lives.

*Morgan Newport*

Third Place, Grade 7

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My alarm blares into my eardrums waking me with an impetuous jolt. My toes lead the way onto a bathroom floor made of solid ice as shivers roll up my arms and neck. A reflection stares back at me so mundane and proverbial, yet so insurmountable to comprehend. In that moment every morning, I remember why I woke up and why I'm really here, not a zombie strolling through life's motions without the ever vital emotions. Everyone respects someone; whether it is a teacher or a parent, they have vivid love and compassion for someone in their life. Of course, I do too but, in order to love and respect an elder I must respect myself first. In order to honestly answer the question of who I respect most in the world, I have to dig deeper than the cliché "I respect my mommy most in the whole world because . . ." If you can't live for yourself, who can you live for? As a species we humans admire ourselves, we keep ourselves clean, safe, full and in the pink. This is because we respect ourselves to the utmost importance, just as both you and I do. I will scream on the mountains, "I love myself more than I love anyone else!" and that may sound conceited but in order to function in normal society we have to have the ability to go home and not hate ourselves.

The idea of self-respect is very closely related to self-confidence, but respect is more about what you do whereas confidence is about how you feel. The two go hand-in-hand. Every day I shower, brush my teeth and hair, put on deodorant and wash my hands. The simplest of tasks can show the utmost respect without a second thought. Have you ever seen a tragically, clinically depressed introvert? Tears fall at such a sight, that man lost respect for himself and now sits malnourished, begrimed and debilitated. Insecurity and disrespect for oneself is much more damaging than disrespect for your next door neighbor. On that same note, many people who have absolutely no respect for themselves gained that from a loveless childhood. I respect myself because if I don't, nobody will. Seriously if you disrespect yourself enough to go out unwashed and with hair askew—you make it hard for others to respect you.

Respect runs deep in every place; it is a rule above all others meaning many things. That single word registers as a golden axiom, especially at school. I care enough about my future and career to study, do my homework and turn in all my assignments. Studying is a form of respect no matter how crazy that registers in your ears. If you don't care then you don't respect yourself or your dreams. I have many times stayed up late to make a project the best it can be, because it's important to me how the world views me.

Have you ever heard that firefighters, doctors, and police officers have the job to protect others, but the right to protect themselves? If they injure themselves, how can they save you? The same rule applies to the universe. You have to respect yourself more than others in the face of an emergency, especially if you are not qualified to protect others in serious cases. Save yourself from harm and save others only if you won't severely hurt yourself in the process. Safety is a security blanket and everyone should feel a piece of it, but it's not always that easy. I keep myself safe every day by staying out of trouble, keeping my cell phone with me, and never doing exceedingly dangerous things.

It is so important to have someone you can respect, so you have to respect yourself so you can love your friends and family. The world would be scary and unsafe if no one respected anyone or even themselves. I'm glad I have the ability to go home every night and know that I respect the person I have grown to be, just as everyone should. Respect is the golden rule that keeps the universe in balance.

*Megan Dillard*

First place, Grade 8

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As I struggled over my homework at the kitchen table, my sister came up from behind me. "What are you working on, Syd?" she asked. I sighed before I explained my confusion in algebra due to my absence the day before. "Oh, that's easy, I remember that stuff. I'll show you what to do!" she said. As she sat down beside me I realized my sister was so much more to me than a person to argue over clothes with or about who got to use the bathroom mirror first. She's someone I look up to as a hard-working student, an athlete, and a person who is learning to take care of herself in this big world.

Intelligence is something that someone is naturally born with, but to use that intelligence is a choice one must make every day. My sister Chelsea is one of the smartest young women I know.

At the age of two she was already reading, and from that moment on she was constantly continuing to pursue a broader knowledge. She was in STEP and GT as an elementary student and has continued to take honors and advanced placement classes even up until this year—her senior year of high school. Chelsea’s constant attempts to increase her intelligence and to achieve high grades in challenging classes are an inspiration to me. From a young age, I have seen that it is “cool” to be smart and to want to be an intelligent individual. This makes me respect Chelsea as my educational role model.

Although I may hate this, many things come naturally to my sister. Maybe it’s her competitive nature, her tendency towards being a perfectionist, or what I like to call her obsessive compulsive ways; but no matter what the cause, it’s hard to deny that Chelsea is usually good at whatever she tries. As an athlete, Chelsea has shown me what it takes to be a true competitor. Born with a natural skill and coordination, sports have always been something for Chelsea to excel in. Whether she’s ice skating, running, or playing softball, it’s always fun to watch her because not only is she good at what she does, she clearly is enjoying it. Athletics aren’t all about pure skill but also about dedication to practice and that is where Chelsea has inspired me. I’ve watched her practice day after day in whatever she’s competing in. At least a hundred pitches a day over the past nine years has taken her to the position of a First Team All-State pitcher. I pitch too, and I respect Chelsea as a role model to show me what hard work and perseverance can do for an athlete.

Growing into a young adult can be a struggle and a troubling time for many teenagers. Chelsea has pushed her way through the hard times that these years bring. She is slowly blossoming into the type of young woman that I respect and hope to be one day myself. Her responsibilities grow more and more as she has started to work and to pay for the things in her life that others are given and take for granted. My sister helps take care of me and works at a job three or four times a week; she still finds the time to complete her own personal needs such as homework or practices. I admire and respect the way Chelsea carries herself in a world that can easily bring down a young woman making her way.

Respect isn’t a maybe; it’s a must. To be a person for someone to look up to, you have to know what it’s like to respect someone else and to be respected. It’s important to be able to admire others because they set the standards and are role models. Without these role models, each individual would not be able to have a figure to look up to and respect from day to day. Lack of respect would interfere with the rights to one’s opinions, and it would also interfere with personal space. Following the rules that are set for the entire population in order to become a peaceful people is necessary. A lot of respected people make the world a better place for us to live in, and respect is a way of nature that can teach us how to become like those we admire.

*Sydney Botsch*  
Second Place, Grade 8

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Sitting in a classroom with twenty people, I don’t always get noticed. Sometimes I feel lost amid a sea of students. I’m occasionally confused but too timid to raise a hand. I am in all honors classes and I am not new to this feeling. Earlier this year, I wasn’t doing very well in algebra class. My teacher, Mrs. Carey, realized this and offered her help. I stayed after school with her

as much as possible until I felt comfortable in my ability to do well. Mrs. Carey helped me by explaining the work more in depth and giving me extra practice. I respect Mrs. Carey because she is helpful, hardworking, and compassionate.

When I was having trouble in algebra, Mrs. Carey broke down the equations that I didn't understand in a way that was easier than how she taught us in class. I found this extremely helpful and I am very grateful to Mrs. Carey. She worked with me and did as much as she could. I am now passing algebra and doing much better on tests. Being in all honor classes, I think that I hold myself to a high standard, and I did not like getting bad grades before. Now, whenever I don't understand something in class or want to clarify how to do a problem, I know that I can stay after school with Mrs. Carey to get help.

I find Mrs. Carey to be a hard-working teacher because in class when people don't understand something she is good at backtracking and teaching it in a new way. Sometimes even then people cannot understand it, and she will slow down and give us examples until we get it. Then when I go to her after school, there are few to no other distractions from the other people in the room and she can help me with it more. When this happens, I notice that I can remember what she helped me with longer.

Most of my teachers know that I don't cope well with bad grades, and that I try to do the best I can the first time. With algebra sometimes I did not do well the first time, or the second time. Then I would have to try over and over again until I did better. I respect and look up to Mrs. Carey because she showed compassion toward me whenever I was upset because of a bad grade in her class. When this happened, I even felt as though she tried harder to get me to understand things by calling on me more in class and asking me to give examples. With her attention, I realized I could do better next time.

People strive towards perfection. When someone respects another person, they hold that person in high regards. They look up to this role model like I look up to Mrs. Carey, and they want to be more like them. It is important for us to have people that we respect so that we strive towards becoming a better person. In a world with no one showing respect towards each other, no one would ever strive towards being better. People would just be content with how things are now and the world would never get any better.

*Dominique DeMoe*

Third Place, Grade 8



*Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12*

U. Thant, former Burmese diplomat, once told us, “Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves.” In other words, no matter who someone is or where they’re from, everyone needs to be respected as a person. Humans have to treat each other the way they want to be treated. With that said, I honor people who have made a positive impact on my life. Coach Lew is one of the best soccer coaches I have had in all of my life. His morals are what make him the coach I respect today. Without even giving it a second thought, Coach Lew is helpful, has coaching experience, and is dedicated.

I believe it is important to put others before you; however Coach Lew takes this belief beyond the highest standards. I have heard him over and over again say, “If only one girl shows up to my practice I will stay and work with her because she deserves what she is paying for.” This quote was proved to be true a few months back when no one on the team could attend practice a particular night with the exception of one player. Coach Lew honored his promise and trained this player for the full two hours. It may not have been fun for her but she admits that practice no doubt was helpful. I have learned over the past year and a half that Coach Lew is always there for you, always offering assistance or even just an ear for listening. Last year Coach Lew made us write in journals, evaluating every practice and game. The thought of homework for soccer practice was barbaric to the players. However, as much as we may have complained about this unusual approach, it sure was beneficial. Sometimes I even find myself wishing this was still an obligation, but then it’s comforting to know I don’t need a journal in order to receive help from Coach Lew.

Life is like those first couple of steps we take as babies, unstable and sometimes unsuccessful; but we learned at that early age what worked and what didn’t just as we must learn with life. They say people gain knowledge over time, and I have found this to be true. Out of all the soccer coaches I have had in my lifetime, none can measure up to Coach Lew. I thank his experience for that. He is the Ursuline High School varsity girls’ soccer coach and has been for a few years now. He has led them to states numerous times. As far as Kirkwood Soccer Club goes, I’d say Coach Lew is the most well-known legend there. He has been with this organization for a great deal of time, gathering more experience as time passes by. This familiarity with the game of soccer automatically demands respect.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “We must want for others, not ourselves alone.” Coach Lew is dedicated to soccer not just because it is what he loves but for his passion for passing his knowledge to others. There are many occurrences when Coach Lew is late for his tennis practice due to us players moving a little slow. Nevertheless, I have yet to hear him raise his voice at us for this inconvenience. Coach Lew is always giving up family time to come coach my team, and I don’t think we appreciate it as much as we should. Coach Lew leaves straight from work to go to a few hours of Ursuline practice. On Tuesdays and Thursdays he goes from work to Ursuline and back south to Kirkwood for our travel team practice. In the fall of 2010 my team had a tournament at the Kirkwood complex. This was the same day as the wedding of Coach Lew’s son. With his son’s wedding only hours away, Coach Lew managed to focus on the task at hand—our two soccer games. If that isn’t dedication I don’t know what is.

Respect: to feel or show honor or esteem for someone. Before you can respect others you must respect yourself. Demand respect; earn respect; treat others the way you would want to be

treated. Respect is such a simple word for such a powerful meaning. Henri Frederic Amiel sums up the foundation of respect in one sentence, “There is no respect for others without humility in one’s self.” We must humble ourselves to appreciate what others have to offer. Respect isn’t given to us; respect is what we all must strive for.

*Kayla Kennedy*

Second Place, Grade 9

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Respect has to be a way of life for it to be something you continue to show. It’s obvious that respect is a way of life for this 47-year-old family man. My dad has never stopped being a walking spokesperson for respect. The things he does and the way he does them is what makes Nicholas Macey such a great guy whom I admire. He is a respectful, respected man. I am very proud to call him my father.

If there is anybody who knows baseball more than my dad, it would come as a shock to me. I learned the game from the guy who knows it the best. His dad signed a contract with the Philadelphia Athletics but shortly after went into the Navy. My dad signed a contract to play Triple A baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies for a short time until he gave it all up. Instead of making millions, he chose to be a family man and to work hard the rest of his life. Now he’s at the same job he has been at for years working the same long hours. Yet, he still has time for everything that my mom, five siblings and I need him for.

Respect is a very big word. A lot of times you hear, “Show me some respect,” or “I’ll respect you if you respect me.” Respect is expected but rarely received anymore. However, my father gives and gets respect every day. He even does little things like holding the door for someone at the grocery store to show respect. I’ve always respected my dad but he made it easy to do so. We’ve never had just a father-son relationship—we’re friends too. He treats me like “one of the guys;” he respects me. That makes it very easy to respect him back. If you respect people, it’s almost a guarantee that you will get it back. That is exactly what my dad does.

Some things you inherit from your parents, whether it is genetics or a habit from being around them all the time. I want to inherit a lot of qualities my dad has. He is easily the hardest working man I’ve ever met. Every day from five to five my dad goes to work at the airport. It’s not just that he works a lot—he works hard at what he does. He wants to do his job right and you don’t find that very often anymore. Another quality he has that I admire is that he’s never judgmental. I can talk to my dad about anything and I won’t have to worry that he may think differently of me. These great qualities make it just so easy to respect him.

I respect my dad because he respects me and everyone else in his life. To him, respect isn’t earned; it is given until you do something for him to not respect you anymore. I admire my dad for all of these incredible qualities he has. More than that, I respect my dad because for as long as I can remember my dad has respected everyone who hasn’t given him a reason not to. That is a great way to be and how I want to be. I want to be respected by everyone I meet.

*Nick Macey*

Third Place, Grade 9

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After divorce twenty-three percent of men leave their children behind to go and live their own lives. My father has been raising five children by himself. Sixty-nine percent of men become alcoholics after divorce. My father cleans, cooks, and works on a daily basis. He has a successful business; he is a single parent, and most of all he is my hero.

Reinaldo “King” Ayala was born in Puerto Rico. He first started working with his father when he was nine years old. He is now 53 years old and has his own landscaping business. During the winter he does snow removal. When I was younger, I remember going to work with my dad. All of his children at some point have spent a day working with him.

Many people look at my family and say there are too many of us; I wouldn’t have it any other way. Reinaldo is a proud parent to twelve beautiful children. During the week, he picks up the three youngest from school and helps them with their homework. My dad has never missed a school function unless he had to work. My younger sister and I are both in chorus and Reinaldo was in attendance at every concert. *Aladdin* was my very first school play and as I looked into the audience I saw my father smiling!

A lot of kids growing up have a childhood hero. Many say Wonder Woman, Batman, or the Incredible Hulk. I can honestly say my dad is my hero. I can go to him and talk about absolutely anything. He might not like what I have to say, but he has always listened. We did everything together; we still do. I remember staying up every night with him watching a different movie until I fell asleep.

So many young ladies grow up without a father. Unfortunately for them they don’t have a male role model to look up to. I am blessed to have an amazing father like Reinaldo. We have had our good times and our bad, but at the end of the day I would give anything to have him in my life forever. Nothing lasts forever, though; as my father says, “Asi es la vida!” That’s life.

*Gina Ayala*

First Place, Grade 10

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Respect - the condition of being honored; an attitude of admiration that is earned; high regard. Gaining respect is quite hard. There are limited people you can trust or put up with these days. However, I know the person I respect the most will always be there for me. The person I have the most respect for is my daddy because he works and makes the most income, understands me, and supports our needs.

First of all, my daddy has my respect because he works and makes the most income. My daddy drives to Philadelphia every morning at 7:30 a.m. to make it to work on time, and then he doesn’t come home until around 8:00 p.m. My daddy works hard from 9:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and works till 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. My daddy makes most of the income to support our needs in the family.

Also my daddy understands me. Whenever I go through problems he always knows what to say to make me smile. If I disobey him, he's always forgiving and never yells at me. He keeps calm and tells me how he feels about it. I can always open up with him and know he won't tell a soul.

Lastly, my daddy supports our needs. The money he makes never goes to him. My daddy uses it to pay our bills and to make sure there is a roof over our head. Not only does he try to pay bills, he satisfies us. My daddy buys the things we have and is always willing to make us happy. I know that he always does all he can to make me happy and make sure that I am protected.

The person I have the most respect for is my daddy because he works and makes the most income, understands me, and supports our needs as a family. I love my daddy so much; I would never lose respect for him. Out of every guy I date or know, I know that my daddy is the only man I will always trust.

*Trina Ho*

Second Place, Grade 10

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What is respect? Respect is something that a person earns because of the great things they do. There are many people in my life that I respect, but there is one person that I respect more than any other. That person is my mother. In my eyes my mom is a kind, caring, wonderful, and sweet person. Without her where would I be? She keeps me on track and leads me on the correct path. My mom deserves my respect because she provides my needs, gives me great advice, and is hard working.

First, my mom provides what I need. I never go without necessities. My mom always buys me the nicest clothes. She also keeps a roof over my head, and I'm always warm and full at night. There are some kids in the world whose parents can't do that. I'm so glad that my mom can.

Secondly, my mom gives me great advice. If I have a problem I can always go to my mom and talk to her about it. She always knows exactly what to tell me to save it. She also keeps an open mind about everything, so I know that things will get better. When I'm down she brings me back up and tells me not to worry. She encourages me to do better and to work to fix the problems.

Finally, she is hard working. Ever since my mom was young she wanted to help others. So she became a teacher. She is very dedicated to her job and has been working for more than thirty years. She works very hard to help her children learn. I can tell that she is a hard worker because of how long she has been doing her job. Every morning she wakes up at five to get to work two hours early to make sure that everything for her kids is ready. How many people do you know who do that?

To conclude, my mother is just an all-around wonderful person. She provides my needs, gives me advice, and is a hard worker. She does these things because she loves helping people; she likes doing the right thing and making a difference. I wouldn't want anyone else to take her

place. I believe that my mom, doing the things she does, definitely deserves my respect.

*Dorothy Johnson*

Third Place, Grade 10

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My dear teacher, Miss Meek, is the person I believe who whole-heartedly exemplifies the value of respect. She is one of the best teachers I've ever had. She shows her students respect, she takes her job very seriously, and her students have only the highest regard for her.

There is one teacher at Smyrna High who would stay until 9:00 p.m. to help her students. Not only has she helped me after school on numerous occasions, but she has helped anyone if they go to her for some aid (even the students in other classes who don't get the attention they need). Miss Meek is never one to raise her voice at students. She might say she wants to throw a dry-erase marker at you, but she'll say it in such a sweet voice that you can't even be upset. If you go to the board to work a problem and get it completely wrong, Miss Meek will help you through it instead of laughing or criticizing. I always feel completely at ease in her classroom.

Not only is Miss Meek dedicated to her students but she is also dedicated to her profession. She will stay past work hours for as long as she needs to get work done or help her kids. I remember many times my teacher mentioning the long hours and restless nights she's spent grading her plethora of tests. Miss Meek is rarely absent, and on the occasional days that she is not there she gets the best substitutes possible. She makes weekly assignment sheets for us and does anything she possibly can to make our lives easier and more aware of mathematics.

If you ask any of Miss Meek's students how they feel about their teacher, I have no doubt that their response would be a positive one. I have not met one person who has been in her class and not adored her. They respect how intelligent she is, how she works herself to death and how no one could try to fill her shoes. Even people who have never had the honor of having Miss Meek as their teacher have heard about how wonderful she is.

All in all, Miss Meek is one of the finest ladies I know in that she not only receives respect but gives it out as well. There are many reverent teachers in this school but Miss Meek takes the cake. She legitimately cares about the success of her students. I believe that respect is a value that has often become overlooked in society, and there ought to be more people to showcase this important virtue. You need and should use respect in relationships, jobs and in everyday life. All people are worthy of respect but Miss Meek just happens to shine when I think about this outstanding quality

*Sarah Hoye*

First Place, Grade 11

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When I think about someone I respect I don't just think of one person, I think of thousands—the thousands of men and women who protect and serve our country. These soldiers make the

ultimate sacrifice in their line of work every day; they are ready to give their lives for their country or comrade. I respect the men and women of the U.S. Army because they are devoted, courageous, and strong.

It takes a special kind of person to devote their lives to serving millions of people they have never met. But that's what a soldier does every day. They leave their civilian lives, family, and friends so the rest of us can enjoy our freedom. These men and women are stationed at bases thousands of miles away from home and do their job with no complaints. Ensuring the safety of Americans and fellow soldiers is a big commitment, and I will forever respect those who make it.

American soldiers also pride themselves on bravery. One of the seven core values of the army that soldiers live by every day is "face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral)." They might be nervous going into combat but they charge on despite the anxious knot in the pit of their stomachs. I can't imagine how frightening it must be to be in a totally unfamiliar place while trying to protect yourself and the people around you. But somehow soldiers pull it from within themselves to stand up against these challenges. The men and women of the U.S. Army have my highest respect because they are brave.

Members of the army also pride themselves on being "Army Strong." This means being strong both mentally and physically. Many "boys" have claimed that after going through basic training they were turned into "men." Basic training teaches soldiers that the strength they emit comes from their teamwork. This in turn sprouts the seeds of strength inside all of them. During the basic training, hours upon hours are spent exercising to reach top physical condition. Being physically fit as a soldier is important because a soldier's job is so demanding on their body. I admire the men and women of the U.S. Army for their inner and outer strength.

The people I respect may blend in in a crowd but they stand out in their service. They are the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, daughters, sons, and friends who every day pledge to serve their country. Their devotion, courage and strength show them to be truly exceptional people. For their gift to us, the gift of freedom, I will always respect them.

*Jenna Williams*  
Second Place, Grade 11

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When people ask me who is the most respectable and influential person, to me only one person comes to mind. That person is my father Carlos A. Velez. I say this because he shows great perseverance, dedication, and has sacrificed a tremendous amount for his wife and five children to be where he is today.

Dedication is what comes to mind when I think of my father. He shows great commitment in everything he does. He especially shows great devotion to his family by moving away from the city, further from his job, to provide a growing environment for his kids. Because of this decision, he made the move to Delaware; he now has to drive 160 miles to his place of employment in New Jersey.

My father not only shows dedication, but great perseverance as well. As a child, he didn't have the easiest and most pleasant life. He was born into poverty in one of many poor neighborhoods of Puerto Rico. He was the middle child of three siblings. His father left his mother and brothers behind at a very young age. Because of the abandonment my father had to work at a very young age to help his mother financially. He showed great perseverance by getting up early in the morning and walking miles through rough hills of Puerto Rico to fulfill his newspaper route. School became a second priority.

My father not only exhibits great perseverance, but he has also made great sacrifices to provide for this children. Many of these sacrifices consist of working late many nights in backbreaking jobs. Sometimes he would have to pawn the little valuables he had to make the month's rent for the little apartment the seven of us called home. Often times he came up short and was kicked out of the apartment until he came up with the money later. No matter how many times this occurred, my father always strived to fix the situation and to find a place for us to reside.

Looking back on all the things my father went through I don't think he would change any past conflicts or decisions he made. These obstacles and challenges throughout his life made him the man that he is today. I admire that the most about him. This is why Carlos A. Velez is the most influential person in my life.

*Emanuel Velez*

First Place, Grade 12

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Respect is an important quality in a person. It shows dedication, compassion, perseverance, and honesty all in one word. The person I respect most in my life, hands down, is my father. He has been a role model all of my life and becomes a better person with every day. I can honestly say I have never known such a great human being in my whole life (in my eighteen years of living). He shows respect in his job, as a husband, and as a father, too. I wish everyone could have such a respectful person in their life.

My dad shows respect in his job. He has stayed dedicated to his work in the U. S. Air Force. He works on airplane engines and takes the safety of his job very seriously. My father makes sure he takes his time and does the job correctly. He has stuck with it and has made it to the top of his rank. I respect all that he does when it comes to his job. Every morning when he wakes up he takes a shower and goes to work. Even when my dad hasn't gotten much sleep the night before, he always goes to work.

Another reason my dad is so respectful is because he is a good husband. My mother is very ill and is in the hospital very often. She cannot work so my dad must take care of the living costs in my household. He always treats my mom with respect and puts her before himself. He takes care of her and takes her to dialysis three days a week. Dad always makes sure she takes her medicine when she forgets. He also makes sure she does what she is supposed to do to stay as healthy as she can. Even when she gets frustrated with him he always keeps a level head and makes the best out of every situation.

The final reason my dad is the most respectful person in my life is because he is a great father. He always takes care of me and makes sure I have everything I need. He does what he can to make sure I get the things I want as well. My dad takes the time to make me happy and talk about things with me. He treats me like another human being, not just a kid. Dad makes sure he walks me into the airport so I never have to find my way by myself. He asks me about my day, and I always know when he says he loves me he means every word. My dad is kind to old people as well as kids. He encourages me to reach for the stars in everything I do, and I can't explain well enough how much that means to me every day. I don't know what I would do without him.

In conclusion, my dad is the most respectful person I know. I couldn't ask for a better role model and dad. I look up to him when it comes to everything. I hope every day that I grow up to be like him one day because he is so outstanding. My dad deserves the very best and I know he will get it one day. My dad has taught me everything I need to know in life and supports me with every hug. I love my dad very much, and I'm proud to say he is the most respectful person I know.

*Kristen Norris*  
Second Place, Grade 12

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When I was handed this prompt there was only one person I could think of who I respect more than anyone I know. Every year I am sure people talk about their mothers and how fantastic they are, but mine truly is. Without her my entire family would fall apart. She has a full time job, two kids, and still finds the time to keep our house sparkling.

Christiana School District has been blessed to have my mother as an employee for almost eleven years now. Every morning she wakes up at 4:30 to make breakfast for my dad, and then she will get ready for work. Before she leaves she will wake me and my brother up and have breakfast ready for us. These have become her daily responsibilities, and she never abandons them. Before she leaves for work she will also clean the house. She will do the dishes, rearrange all of our coats and shoes, and some days she will even vacuum. This is a very quick version of her daily cleaning before she rushes off to work. When she arrives home she jumps right back into cleaning. She will pull out her cleaning bucket and go to work. By the time the rest of us get home the house is sparkling and she has dinner on the table. Without her we would go hungry and live in a pig sty. Even with all of this she manages to get my brother and me home from our various activities. Our house would not be able to survive without her.

To see anyone else try to complete her role would be ridiculous. My mother is my hero because she does it all and makes it look so easy. She leaves her special touch on everything and I respect her very much.

*Jessica Brower*  
Third Place, Grade 12

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## HONORABLE MENTION

### CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jordan Cathell	Kindergarten
Madison Dillon	Kindergarten
Blessing Nyameke	Kindergarten
Hayden Shotwell	Kindergarten
Conner Wilson	Kindergarten

Danielle Conn	Grade 1
Brice Feldman	Grade 1
Kaitlyn Heverin	Grade 1
Madylin Maichle	Grade 1
Kevin Woodruff	Grade 1

Gabrielle Barnes	Grade 2
Tanner Holden	Grade 2
Brooke Pase	Grade 2
Shawn Swanson	Grade 2
Brandon Thomas	Grade 2

Coral Dillon	Grade 3
Anastasia Mahan	Grade 3
Delaney Meginniss	Grade 3
Raymond Nyameke	Grade 3
Briley Shahan	Grade 3

Rachel Hexamer	Grade 4
Jillian Hughes	Grade 4
Caitlin McCutchan	Grade 4
Bari Phillips	Grade 4
Tamia Russell	Grade 4

### NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bahsil Laster	Kindergarten
Jamie Marshall	Kindergarten
Gabryela Pino	Kindergarten
Mia Schultz	Kindergarten
Joyanna Shirk	Kindergarten

Madison Arsenault	Grade 1
Bianca Bowland-Michon	Grade 1
Jaylen Hill	Grade 1
Wayne Knight	Grade 1
Rasean Lemon-DeJesus	Grade 1

Nathan Carter	Grade 2
Angelus Garnett	Grade 2
Jaziel Guajardo	Grade 2
Lynzi Huggins	Grade 2
Kaylee Meeks	Grade 2

Justin Barber	Grade 3
Lauren Barkley	Grade 3
Andrew DeBenidictis	Grade 3
Alanna Halter	Grade 3
Jackson Reynolds	Grade 3

Tahirah Redding	Grade 4
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### SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Landon Andrus	Kindergarten
Abigail Richards	Kindergarten

Robert Berry	Grade 2
Adelisa Daly	Grade 2
Kaniya Jones	Grade 2
Bristol McGinty	Grade 2
Teresa Pena	Grade 2

Alexis Bento	Grade 1
Cameron Hood	Grade 1
Ian Murphy	Grade 1
Erika Onsomu	Grade 1
Zoe Petrosky-Ballard	Grade 1

Kobe Conomon	Grade 3
Austin Edmonds	Grade 3
Danielle Girguis	Grade 3
Oliva Reynolds	Grade 3
Joshua Workman	Grade 3

Jae'vaon Camper	Grade 4
Alexis Edmonds	Grade 4
Kassy Morris	Grade 4
Courtney Spader	Grade 4
Autum Wilson	Grade 4

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Laili Bullock	Kindergarten	Ryan Cole	Grade 2
Matthew Harris	Kindergarten	Darius Williams	Grade 2
Kristin Keister	Kindergarten		
Lindsey Seeney	Kindergarten		
Anaesia Wayman	Kindergarten		

Sofia Estrada	Grade 1	Trevor Burleigh	Grade 3
Andrew Johnson	Grade 1	Alex Calderon	Grade 3
Milan King	Grade 1	Mia Davis	Grade 3
Nick Richardson	Grade 1	Trey Deakyne	Grade 3
Delaney Smenkowski	Grade 1	Kevin Keister	Grade 3

Bradley Beamer	Grade 4
Yah'hymbey Baruti Ali-Bey	Grade 4
Chloe Castro	Grade 4
Grace Kayati	Grade 4
Anna Uribe	Grade 4

JBM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chloe Borst	Grade 5	Bobby Aiken	Grade 7
Jessica Bright	Grade 5	Starr Battle	Grade 7
Michelle Coleman	Grade 5	James Culbreth	Grade 7
Ivy Legar	Grade 5	Jaclyn McNatt	Grade 7
Kyle Wentling	Grade 5	Elizma Pretorius	Grade 7

Javon Garnett	Grade 6	Matthew Comollo	Grade 8
Katlyn Hicks	Grade 6	Kaylie Craig	Grade 8
Neel Patel	Grade 6	Brianna Distler	Grade 8
Noah Taylor	Grade 6	Hunter Pritt	Grade 8
		Nicole Simpson	Grade 8

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

Kerri Durham	Grade 9	Kaitlin Brown	Grade 11
Cassidy Middleton	Grade 9	Katie Dodge	Grade 11
Breanna Wharton	Grade 9	David Natrin	Grade 11
Diana Wilson	Grade 9	Bianca Nelson	Grade 11
		Jordan Whitley	Grade 11

Luis Castillo	Grade 10	Stephanie Boney	Grade 12
Taylor Morgan	Grade 10	Brandon English	Grade 12
Jaquille Pierce	Grade 10	Matt Fillman	Grade 12
Anna Sellers	Grade 10	David Letterman	Grade 12
		Morgan Wilson	Grade 12