

Do The Right Thing Award Ceremony, Thursday February 2, 2023

The next awards ceremony for the Do the Right Thing of Charlotte County 2022-2023 school year will take place 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Punta Gorda Police Department, 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.

In the month of February, we will be honoring the following five students.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Catori Anderson, Age 16, Grade 11, Charlotte High School

"On August 12th Catori and her father, Peter, were parked behind me when another car veered out of their lane and hit my car. My car was sent into the ditch, and I was seriously injured. Catori took the initiative and came to my vehicle to check on me before the first response could arrive. I was frightened and in tremendous pain, trying to catch my breath. I pointed to my phone and asked for her help to call my husband. In addition, to her effort to calm me and assure me, she also came to check on me a few weeks later. I am a teacher at CHS, and Catori is not one of my students, but when I returned to work, she stopped by my classroom to ask how I was doing."

Peyton Cowherd, Age 9, Grade 2, Myakka River Elementary

"On March 29th, 2022 while walking from his classroom to the cafeteria for breakfast, Peyton found a \$100 bill on the sidewalk in front of the library. Peyton picked it up and turned around to bring it to turn it in to the closest teacher, which happened to be me. While walking to me other children were trying to encourage Peyton to keep the money and not say anything about finding it. Peyton was very adamant that he was not keeping the money and he was giving it to me to turn into the office. I am nominating Peyton not only because he turned in the money, but that he stood up to his fellow peers and told them that would not keep the money and that he was doing the right thing by turning it in. It takes a lot for a child to not fall under peer pressure.."

Cooper Kelly Age 10, Grade 5, Peace River Elementary School

"Cooper is a joy to have around and deserves a nomination for doing the right thing. He is consistently helping others around the building and stays focused on his work. Cooper is attentive to helping others, including students in the younger grades. He can be very quiet, but super smart, and active in his learning."

Ci'Niyah Spikes, Age 10, Grade 5, Peace River Elementary School

"Ci'Niyah should be recognized for doing the right thing simply because, she ALWAYS is! She helps out other students at the school house as well as involved in the community. Currently, Ci'Niyah runs after school at Girls on the Run and she also plays travel basketball with a local team here in Charlotte County. Ci'Niyah is a safety patrol, and always helps younger kids get into their car. She is very helpful to other students in that she always has nice things to say and always wants to help. Ci'Niyah is very respectful to all adults at school, and sometimes gets missed because of this. She truly deserves this nomination because she is a great helper and has a great heart!"

Evan Wendzel, Age 11, Grade 5 Neil Armstrong Elementary School

"On August 11th, 2022, at approximately 1255 hours while working as the School Resource Officer at Neil Armstrong Elementary, front office staff (administration) and I were alerted by Mrs. Kline (5th grade teacher) that a few of her students noticed an unattended toddler on the outside of the school fence.

This group of 5th grade students stopped their recess fun to assure the toddler stayed near the fence until myself and admin could arrive to the location.

I am nominating Evan along with the other 5 students involved, for doing the right thing. Due to their immediate response and actions, the toddler was SAFELY located and returned to her residence."