

Optimists recognize elementary "super citizens"

Elementary student winners of the December Optimist Super Citizen Award were recognized recently at Lee's Summit R-7 grade schools.

The award is presented monthly to students in R-7 elementary schools. Mason Elementary School conducts a monthly "Character Counts" awards program in cooperation with the Lake Lotawana Optimist Club, and these winners are recognized in separate articles.

Super Citizen winners are selected by teachers based on criteria set by the Optimist Club and the school staff. The award is usually based on the Optimist Creed, although each school's staff may determine criteria for some months.

Students receive the award from Optimist members during either a PTA meeting or another school presentation.

The Optimist Club is a local civic organization dedicated to youth. It meets weekly and is open to both men and women.

Winners (listed in order from first through sixth grade) are:

Cedar Creek: Rachel Puls, Alec St. John, Eva Uhl, Makenzie McAtec, Annie Thomas, and Connor Austell.

Greenwood: Ethen Gutierrez, Will Carroll, Raylynn Talley, Julia Krause, Kendra Lautenschlager, and Haley Estes.

Hawthorn Hill: Makenna Baldwin, Annaliesa Flanagan, Cameron Crain, Mitchell Evans, Christopher Wilcox, and Danielle Alverson.

Hazel Grove: Griffin Payne, Danny Baker, Katie King, Marie Alexander, Daniel Gardner, and Cassandra Caruso.

Highland Park: Claire Franciskato, Annie McCord, Joshua Bailey, Andrew Melichar, Paige Anschutz, and Riley Findley.

Lee's Summit: Katie Dustin, Kaylin Simpson, Kolby Sharp, Angela Phason, Kyli Stoneking, and Travis White-man.

Longview Farm: Brady Pezzetti, Kate Parker, Abby Sauer, Kathleen Didion, Jacob Burton, and Kate Mosier.

Meadow Lane: Sara Laycook, Jasmine Sowders, Ethan Countryman, Noah Hopper, Caleb Ellis, and Jonathan Riddle.

Pleasant Lea: Mallory Butler, Sophia Wald, Brooke Gentry, Hannah Collins, Angela Lenhardt, and Tabitha Long.

Prairie View: (Due to Prairie View's large size, two Super Citizen Awards are presented in each grade level each month). First set: Davis Childs, Haley Dewitt, Emily Wood, Lauren Lagan, Abbie Dowell, and Raine Mack. Second set: Hannah Vasseur, Jace Hoff, Mekdelawit Keller, Blake Goodman, Sydney Dodson, and Alicia Hess.

Richardson: Ami Kleffner, Harker Reily, Brooklyn Forrest, Quentin Meyrand, Spencer Zummallen, and Haley Luke.

Summit Pointe: Grant Coleman, Addie Mathis, Emma Elliott, Cierra Palmer, Cody Carmack, and Kailyn Hammer.

Sunset Valley: Tyler Rodgers, Skyler Shumway, Paige Stone, Amanda Coney, Tyler Dawley, and Jarod Snook.

Trailridge: Adison Bruton, Madison Hulsey, Madelynn Kelderman, Anna Boehm, Lyndsey Holman, and Kade Matchett.

Underwood: Steven Fisk, Hannah Benge, Abby Keary, Evan Wise, Holly Peters, and Laura Graves.

Westview: Krislyn Brown, Cade Peetoom, Isabel Rodriguez, Renae Garcia, Cameron Corniels, and Hannah Crone.

Woodland: Kenzie Binkley-Onwiler, Mason Sieger, Ashley Gough, India Fernandez, Caleb Pennington, and Caroline Jackson.

Students receive an Optimist Super Citizen T-shirt, a certificate and certificates for free gifts from Dairy Queen and Pizza Hut. Parents of winners receive a bumper sticker stating "Parent of an Optimist Super Citizen."

The award is sponsored by the Lee's Summit Optimist Club. It is designed to recognize students with varied talents.

