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Heritage Oak Promotes "Do The Right Thing"

Whenever a Heritage Oak child stands up for what is right, helps another person, does something positive on his own initiative, or displays a cooperative spirit, he may be nominated for the Do the Right Thing Award. Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to nominate a student any time in order to recognize and encourage outstanding behavior. This award helps reward and motivate children toward becoming outstanding citizens now and in the future.

When a student is nominated, they receive a certificate and special sticker to wear for the day to let everyone in their class know about their nomination. Heritage Oak student government votes on all the monthly nominees and selects special deeds for recognition during an assembly. Here are a few of the September Doing The Right Thing Winners:

Celine Honig, a 5th grader, is to be commended for her honesty. On September 21, 2005 she found \$9.00 in the planter on the play yard. She attempted to find the owner, but was unsuccessful so she turned the money into the front office. The money belonged to another student. He had put the money down after lunch and forgot to pick it up and put it in his pocket.

This summer Lauren Crady, an 8th grader, and her mother had a wonderful opportunity to serve on a mission trip in England. They were part of a group that was responsible for caring for children from various parts of the world. They spent a week caring for children ranging from 1-2 years old. She worked incredibly hard and often on little sleep but did not complain. She showed a tremendous level of maturity as she worked with the children and dealt with different circumstances associated with the trip. It was such a blessing to see her working unselfishly to care for others.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeing a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nation's most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.