

Teacher of the month

March

Board Meeting – March 18, 2024

Primary - Kelli Gunnels

Elementary - Clara Cummins

Junior High - Madison Roberson

High School – Cameron Absolom

Auxiliary - Mandy Douglas

Student/Teacher/Para of the Month

March

I nominate Kelli Gunnels

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(Please Highlight/Circle One)

Nominated by Office Staff

Positive-Remains focused on the opportunities available in every challenge.

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In the space below, please give examples of how this person exhibits PANTHER characteristics.

Ms. Gunnels is a compassionate teacher who came to Westwood Primary 2 years ago as a Pre-K teacher. She has 17 years of experience, all at the primary level and enjoys watching children learn. Ms. Gunnels has a passion for teaching. She conveys enthusiasm and energy in all of her lessons, inspiring students to engage and begins the love of learning with Prek students. Her passion translates into dedication to their students' success and a commitment to continuously improving her teaching methods.

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Ms. Gunnels possess a positive disposition which fosters a positive learning environment which shows in the growth of her students. Each day she has the opportunity to teach the students, she fills them with knowledge and life skills from a blank slate. She treats everyone kindly and is a quiet giant on campus. Westwood Primary is blessed to have Ms. Gunnels molding early learners into learning scholars.

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PK

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I nominate Valerie Trevino

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Valerie is always smiling and ready to learn. She has a great attitude and is eager to learn new things. Valerie is always willing to help other students in any way can - opening snacks, putting on coats and anything else she can do to help. She is very smart and takes her education seriously. Valerie knows ALL her letters and sounds, 45 sight words and is reading level books in pre-K. She is a joy to have in the classroom. As a teacher I am eager to see what the future holds for this bright beautiful girl!!

Student/Teacher/Para of the Month Kdg.

March

I nominate Emberlyn Calhoun in Mrs. Wright's class

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I am writing to enthusiastically nominate Emberlyn for Student of the Month.

Emberlyn has consistently demonstrated resilience and optimism in the face of challenges. She sees opportunities in every difficulty and approaches each task with a can-do attitude, inspiring both peers and teachers. Emberlyn actively engages in classroom activities. She eagerly participates in discussions, shares ideas, and contributes to a collaborative learning environment, making her presence truly uplifting. She consistently chooses to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. Her actions reflect a sense of responsibility and empathy that

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is truly commendable for a student of her age. Emberlyn excels in teamwork, always willing to work collaboratively with peers. She consistently thinks of others and demonstrates a genuine concern for the well-being of her peers, creating a warm and caring classroom environment. Emberlyn consistently performs at her personal best, setting a high standard for academic and personal achievement. She actively engages in lessons, demonstrates a thirst for knowledge, and embraces new challenges with a positive and open mindset. Emberlyn embodies the qualities of an exemplary Panther student. She not only excels academically but also contributes to the positive atmosphere of our classroom. Her kindness, teamwork, and commitment to excellence make her truly deserving of the Student of the Month recognition.

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1st

I nominate Nico Warfield Student of the Month Teacher of the Month Para of the Month
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Nominated by Mrs. Prempeh

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Nico Warfield is an excellent student. He is respectful and kind hearted. He is always ready to learn and a team player. He is so smart that I tell him he needs to be in High School. He never complains and remains focused on the opportunities available in every challenge. He is the true definition of a PANTHER!!

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2nd

March

I nominate Malaysia Hall_____

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Nominated by Rebekah Stevens

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Malaysia always exhibits a positive attitude. She is helpful to all other students and does so happily. Her work ethic is always excellent, performing at her personal best. Malaysia is always prepared and ready to learn.



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Student:

Johnathan Almond

Grade: 3 rd

Nominated By:

Ms. Cummings

What **PROUD** characteristics has this **Panther** exhibited?

My student of the month is Johnathan Almond.

He displays the true meaning of integrity.

He is always polite towards his classmates and all of his teachers.

His academic record shows how much he has grown this year. He puts in the effort everyday on whatever the task is.

Congratulations, Johnathan Almond, my student of the month.



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Student:

Kynsleigh Wilmeth

Grade: 4 th

Nominated By:

Mrs. Wade

What **PROUD** characteristics has this **Panther** exhibited?

My pick for student of the month is Kynsleigh Wilmeth. She is such a helpful child to have in my class. She doesn't hesitate to jump up and take the lead and help her fellow classmates. Kynsleigh constantly strives to do her best. She works hard to accomplish her goals and pushes herself to do her best on all of her assignments. There is nothing out there that will stop her from achieving whatever her heart desires! It is a pleasure and honor to have Kynsleigh Wilmeth in my 4th grade class.

Michelle Wade



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Student:	Brooklyn Murillo	Grade:	5 th
Nominated By:	Fifth Grade Team		

What **PROUD** characteristics has this **Panther** exhibited?

We as a 5th grade team would like to nominate Brooklyn Murillo as our March Student of the Month. Brooklyn came to us later in the year but came to us ready to go. She didn't skip a beat. You will never find Brooklyn off task. When her work is finished you will find her reading a book or doing some sort of writing. Not only does Brooklyn do her best academically but shows respect to her teachers and peers.



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Student:	Camila Gante	Grade:	6 th
Nominated By:	Sixth Grade Team		

What **PROUD** characteristics has this **Panther** exhibited?

Camila is a top notch student! She is in student council, GT, plays the trombone, and is on the all A honor roll! Camilla is responsible, polite, and has such a fun personality, is always smiling, and wears the cutest clothes!

Mrs. Stoddard and the 6th grade team



BRENDA BING <bbing@westwoodisd.net>

Re: Teacher of the Month

1 message

LEDEENA SMITH <lasmith@westwoodisd.net>
To: BRENDA BING <bbing@westwoodisd.net>

Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 1:10 PM

You are very welcome.

On Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 12:01 PM BRENDA BING <bbing@westwoodisd.net> wrote:
Thank you so much for letting me know!

On Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 11:48 AM LEDEENA SMITH <lasmith@westwoodisd.net> wrote:
Good morning Mrs. Brenda,
Clara Cummings is our Teacher of the Month for March. I will send the students asap.

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I nominate: Morgan Hawthorne

Grade: 7

Nominated by: Florence

What Panther **PROUD** characteristics has this student exhibited: Morgan Exhibits Responsible behavior everyday. She is a very positive student that is kind to her peers and Teachers, Morgan takes pride in her work and strives to do her best!



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I nominate: Samantha Arriaga

Grade: 8

Nominated by: Reagan Gray

What Panther **PROUD** characteristics has this student exhibited: Samantha is a prideful panther. She exhibits the core values of a Westwood Panther. I am proud to be able to be her teacher. She is always positive, even when she is having a rough day. She is an active participant in class, where she is always focused and engaged. She is kind-hearted and is self-less. She shows compassion towards others. Samantha is such a respectable young lady.



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WHS SOTM Nomination Form

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I nominate Jayana Coney, grade 9th

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

She has been very helpful
to other students in class.
She comes in with the
attitude set on learning. She
is her ownself, leading others by
example.

Nominated by: Destiney Brown



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He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

qualities of ownership of her education.
She goes above and beyond expectations
taking the initiative to explore new projects.
She demonstrates a strong internal drive to
achieve goals + excel in various areas

Nominated by: Varell Spacek



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I nominate Kayla McDonald, grade 10th

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

unwavering dedication to her studies.
Her commitment to academic success
is evident through consistently high grades
& active engagement in class discussion
and a thirst for knowledge

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I nominate Aaron Gamboa, grade 11

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

the characteristics of an exceptional student.

Aaron is punctual, respectful and hardworking.

He has a positive attitude and always actively

participates in class discussions. He is goal

oriented & maintains good grades. Aaron always makes me
smile.

Nominated by: Jennifer Berry



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I nominate Hanna Cochran, grade 12

He/She has proven to be an excellent, PROUD candidate exhibiting

I nominate Hanna because she is such a good student. She always comes to class prepared and ready to work. She successfully balances her part-time job with her academics, and as a result, continues to make all A's in her classes. I can honestly

Nominated by: _____

Robin Adams.

Say that Hanna is a model student.