



## **Students of the Month** **April – Courageous**



### **VPK- Evan Hloska**

**Evan** is such a courageous student. He is always willing to try new things and make new friends. During whole group instruction when I ask for participation, Evan never shies away from participating and courageously raises his hand to answer questions even if his answer may be wrong. Way to go, Evan! Your courage is admired in our classroom each day.

### **Kindergarten – Lilith Ricker & Shea Simon**

**Shea** demonstrates the character trait of COURAGEOUS on a consistent basis. At the beginning of the year, Shea was apprehensive when it came to the fire drill or loud noises. Shea has worked very hard this year to be courageous during these times. He has problem solved and persevered during these trying times. Now he is COURAGEOUS and even tells others "Just cover your ears. It won't be so loud." Thank you Shea for showing others how to have courage during a difficult time.

Courage is not the absence of fear, it is acting in spite of it. **Lily** has shown courage this year by becoming more vocal in the classroom with her peers and teachers. At the beginning of the year, Lily was apprehensive to share answers or stories with others. Now Lily is one of the first ones to raise her hand, ask for help, say good morning and share with others. We are so proud of your COURAGE Lily! You are an amazing role model to others!

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Keira Blazer & Ibrahim Mahmoud Torres**

Keira has shown such courageousness. Keira was new to our school this year and made friends very quickly! She is also tough! If she accidentally falls at recess she gets up and keeps playing! Keira also takes chances with her school work and pushes herself. She shows confidence throughout the day and it shines through her school work. Having you in class has been a true joy! Way to go, Keira!

Ibrahim has also been chosen for the student of the month. Ibrahim is courageous because he works hard and is not afraid of anything! He even got stitches this year and did not complain! On the weekend Ibrahim plays soccer with older kids and does a wonderful job. Ibrahim you have shined in first grade and I am blessed to be your teacher! Keep up the good work, Ibrahim!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Alayna Casamayor & Joshua Langer**

**Alayna** is a very charismatic and courageous young lady. She always stands up for what is right in our second grade classroom. Alayna knows that at times we must make hard choices and it might cost us a friend or two but, in the end we know true friendship will always triumph. She is

a very courageous little girl and will always help a friend in need at recess or in the classroom. Alayna is a great student who will always be successful because of her beautiful heart and thoughtful mind. It has been a privilege and honor being Alayna's teacher this school year. She has touched my heart in so many magnificent ways.

Congratulations to a young man, who is kind, courageous, and extremely driven... This describes **Joshua** each day in our classroom. He has such a courageous heart- he is always able to stand up to his classmates when he knows things are not going in the right direction. Joshua is always willing to try something new... this year he took the place of being Mr. James's helper for the day and also, Principal for the Day which were both jobs that required huge shoes to fill. He took both of these jobs very seriously and was extremely courageous each time he did them. Joshua is a super student and he has been an outstanding young man to teach this school year. I have absolutely loved each moment being his teacher- he is a little boy that will ever be in my heart.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Zoe Hosford & David Colon-Encarnacion**

**Zoe** makes sure people are treated justly. In class she enjoys being a leader and doesn't hesitate to stand up for people who are in need of an advocate. Zoe is always willing to take on new challenges and experiences. She has a determination to do what is right and doesn't hesitate to speak up for the good of herself, but more importantly, for others. It has been a pleasure to have you in my class again Zoe. Thank you for being the shining star that you are!

**David** works hard to make choices that benefit everyone in class. He has become a leader this year and is sure to advocate for people in conflict. David is eager to be challenged and achieve new things. He has become courageous in choosing to do what is right, even when friends pressure him to go in a different direction. I am so proud of how you are developing into a responsible young man, David. It has been a joy to have you in my class again.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emilie Campion & Marisol Barreiro**

**Emilie** has shown that she is a very courageous student. She is someone who stands up for what is right. Whenever she sees someone being treated unfairly she tries to help create an understanding. Emilie has had to make some hard choices between what her conscious tells her and what she sees going on around her. She is not afraid to remind others of what God would want him/her to do. So this is why you show others how to be courageous. You are truly a fantastic Bishop Larkin student who will continue to accomplish great things in your life. I am honored to have you in my 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

**Marisol** has shown us how to demonstrate the trait of being courageous. She is someone who will kindly speak up to those friends who need an extra reminder of what he/she should be doing in order for her to optimize her learning in the classroom. When she is being taught new concepts she will try and give it her all. She never gives up when the task might seem challenging but rather seeks out help. This is a wonderful trait to have and to be able to share it

with others. Therefore, you are a fantastic Bishop Larkin student who will continue to accomplish great things in your life. I am honored to have you in my 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ava Moore**

**Ava** may appear at first to be quiet and reserved, and for the most part, she is until you really get to know her. Then you find out what a courageous person she really is in many ways. Ava isn't afraid to stand up for what she believes in. She will point out something that she feels needs to be changed, with arguments to support her reasoning. Ava is not defined by what everyone else is doing, she makes her own decisions and doesn't worry about people agreeing or disagreeing with her choices. Ava does a lot of outdoor adventures and she always seems to want a greater challenge. She doesn't fear the future, she makes it her own way and if it doesn't go her way, she deals with it and moves on. I admire Ava's independent spirit and no matter what, it is evident that believing and trusting in God is important to her in the choices that she makes. Thank you Ava for reminding us what it means to be courageous.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Alejandra Colon & Grace Vaughn**

Courage is standing for what is right, not being afraid to make hard choices and helping those in need. There are amazing courageous students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and I will share what the students themselves wrote.

**Alejandra** always backs people up as much as possible. If there is an argument, she would side whoever is on the right side, telling the story the way she saw it even if what she has to say goes against her friend. It takes a lot of courage to do this. It was also said that she tries her best in everything she does and when something doesn't go the way she planned she does not get discouraged, rather she just tries harder the next time. Congratulations Alejandra for showing such great courage.

**Grace** has the courage to stand up for herself when anyone makes a negative or hurtful comment about her. She also, does not worry about what anyone thinks about her when she makes a hard choice like having to leave her friends to sit with someone at lunch because she does not want anyone to sit alone. She only cares about others feeling welcomed and comfortable in school. I do hope you are proud of yourself Grace because we are definitely proud of you. Congratulations!

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Guy Panzner & Ryan O’Connell**

**Guy** has been a model of courage to leave his old school at Christmas and begin his new journey here at Bishop Larkin. He faced losing his old friends and teachers, and was submerged into our school. He has now become quite a social butterfly. Guy also shows courage as he faces new obstacles each day whether it be a difficult concept in class, or a challenge on the soccer field. Excellent job Guy!

**Ryan** has faced some adversity this year when it comes to doing what is right regardless of peer pressure. Ryan displayed courage in these instances by sticking up for others and being a good friend. Thank you Ryan for leading our class courageously. We can all learn many lessons from you!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Adriana Lopez & Abigail Scharber**

**Adriana** has shown courageousness consistently this year. She is a true leader whose kind heart is not afraid to stand up for what is right when faced with difficult decisions. Adriana, thank you for being the first one to offer your help to others this year when it mattered most. Thank you for courageously leading the way as an individual of integrity. Your future is infinite, as you are confident enough to fearlessly lead the way. This is an outstanding trait that you possess.

**Abby** has exemplified the trait of courageousness throughout 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I am both impressed and grateful to her when she does the right thing (without thinking about it) both in and out of class. Abby has exemplified this important trait time and time again –so much that I might say her classmates have come to rely on her for it. From helping others in need, to speaking up for what is fair, I want to personally thank you Abby for the innumerable times when you have done the right thing (and stood alone) confidently, showing us your faith and good-heartedness. Keep trailblazing the path of justice.