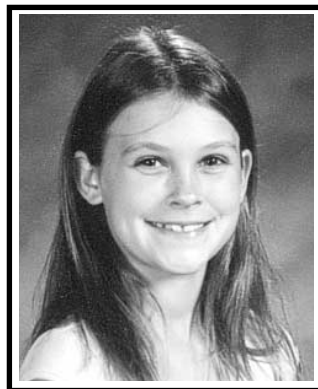


# Kids with character



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*This recognition showcases students ages 9-18 who have made a difference by accepting responsibility, showing kindness, valuing others concerns, helping resolve conflicts and honoring their commitments.*



## Heather

Heather Sykes, a fourth grader at Woodford Elementary School, demonstrates the character pillar of caring. Recently at her school's family Valentine's Dance, Heather went out of her way to make another student feel comfortable. A fellow classmate had missed school for two years due to a severe illness and was only able to attend the dance for one hour, wearing a mask to help prevent the risk of infection. Heather greeted the child and took her by the hand to ensure that she was a part of the group of dancing children. Heather also "buddied" up with some other children of various ages who were not well acquainted with one another. Heather's caring and compassion also are evident in the classroom; she always tries to include other students in learning and group activities. When Heather sees that one of her peers is in need of companionship, she does what she can to provide it.

Thank you Heather, for being such a caring individual.

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