

Simon Sharples

9th Grade Remarkable Raptor

April 2022

The April selection for 9th grade Remarkable Raptor is Simon Sharples. His selection this late in his junior high school career speaks to the quality of others who have received this recognition because Simon is remarkable in every way. As so many have attested, Simon is incredibly polite - at all times and to everyone. He is totally dedicated to his work and is very goal oriented. Simon is a deep thinker and is always willing to ask probing questions that anticipate a variety of possibilities. He is truly a joy to have in class. Responses from his teachers will give you an idea of the high esteem in which they hold Simon.

Simon is responsible, funny and very creative. He is always polite! He works hard for the things he wants and is a great reader.

Simon is a terrific kid! He is responsible, respectful, and always gives a great effort in P.E. I never have to worry about what team I assign Simon to because I know he will be a good teammate to whoever is on his team. I have really enjoyed having Simon in my class.

Simon is a top-notch student. In his math class, he not only stays current while in person, but he has been able to stay current while away for medical reasons. I can always count on Simon to be an active participant in our class discussions. He also is able to interact positively with his peers in class. He brings a fun environment and he's a great 9th grader.

Simon is respectful, mature, and kind-hearted. When others would complain, I could always count on Simon to carry on with a positive attitude. I appreciated that he would take the time to thank me when leaving my class each day. Simon is bright and a hard-working student. It was a joy to be his teacher!

Simon is incredibly proper and polite. He strives to learn the content and to do his best. He participates in class and contributes to class discussions. He is a great kid.

It gives us great pleasure to recognize Simon Sharples as Remarkable Raptor for April 2022.

Brooklynn Allred

8th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Brooklynn Allred is remarkable! Here are things her teachers have to say about her:

Brooklynn is a delightful human! Brooklynn is the type of student that makes teachers excited to come to school. She is always focused and attentive and makes the lesson better with her input and enthusiasm. She asks great questions and is an excellent math partner. I have never seen Brooklynn be unkind to anyone. She is kind enough to help her peers when they need it but also humble enough to accept help from others. Brooklynn also has a great sense of humor and genuinely cares about getting to know the people around her. It makes my day when Brooklynn comes into my classroom with a smile and asks me about Lord of the Rings or talks to me about her pets.

Brooklynn is a wonderful singer, and she has really worked to develop her high range as a soprano. She is really singing out with her section while also blending with her neighbors--both skills that had her singing the highest note in our challenging piece this term. In addition to her talent in singing, her willingness to work hard and be generous and kind to others around her are qualities she demonstrates constantly. While not always taking the spotlight, Brooklyn manages to interact with others in ways I think helps them feel welcome and appreciated.

Brooklynn is amazing! She is such a smart, kind and talented student. She is a great example to her peers and is very gifted in Science. She is always on task and participating. She works hard in class and consistently turns in great work. I love seeing her smiling face every day and I am so lucky to have her as a student!

Brooklynn Allred has such a kind heart. She always puts others before herself. It has been fun and exciting to watch her come out of her shell this year in Peer Leadership Team. She does a great job at organizing and leading group projects. She leads by example and is a great teacher to her peers. Brooklynn is a pure joy to have in class.

Brooklynn is awesome! She is always on task and ready to work. She works hard to complete her assignments but also to include those around her. She is kind, respectful, and an all-around great example to others.

Brooklynn is exceptional. She has a kind heart and can work well with any classmate. I appreciate Brooklyn's attentiveness to her work and that she asks for help and clarification when needed. Brooklyn led her group in our class's "We The People" project; she masterfully integrated feedback to produce a strong speech and follow-up questions. The judges were very impressed with her. It has been a joy to get to know Brooklyn. She has a bright future and will work hard at whatever it is she chooses to pursue.

Brooklynn is fantastic! She stepped into Honors English half way through the year, and she is thriving! She has worked so hard to master the increased rigor of her work, all the while staying positive and optimistic. She is unfailingly kind to everyone, and goes out of her way to recognize the good things about people. She's written me a couple of notes throughout the year that have made my day. I am so grateful to know her and to have the chance to learn with her. Thanks for being a good human, Brooklynn.

Congratulations Brooklynn, 8th Grade Remarkable Raptor.

Jeremy Shelton

7th Grade Remarkable Raptor

April 2022

What's so *DINO*-mite about Jeremy Shelton?
I'm glad you asked...

- Jeremy is always prepared and ready to work. He is kind and attentive in class. Jeremy is great to ask questions and gives 110% with everything he has done in science.
- Jeremy is a fantastic kid! I really enjoyed having him in class; he is always responsible, as well as kind and respectful to others. When making teams, I knew I could count on Jeremy to be a great teammate no matter which team I put him on. He is also a good athlete and seemed to excel at everything we did in P.E. Jeremy really is remarkable!
- Jeremy is fantastic! Always attentive and respectful, he is such a hard worker and always turns his work in on time. I appreciate the great example he is to the students around him.
- I can count on Jeremy to submit work of the utmost quality. In Utah Studies, he takes his time to do things correctly. I recognize his attention to detail and conscientious approach to classwork.
- Jeremy has shown that he can work hard on something to improve! In guitar, he put in the practice time to make sure he learned his songs fully and really developed as a musician while in the class. He was disciplined in making sure he played with precision and didn't get immediately frustrated if a new skill was a bit tricky to master.
- Jeremy is quiet and attentive during demonstrations, and he asks good questions to make sure he understands all elements of a project. He works well with others around him and is willing to help others. Consequently, his art projects look great - he is a "remarkable raptor" in the art room!
- He's quiet and stealth-like... so, sometimes I wonder if he is making secret plans while he sits in my class 😊. He has a great smile, top-notch work, and he is clever as all get-out. Jeremy always impresses; love having him in class!

Jeremy is pretty *remarkable*!

Amy Watkins

7th Grade Remarkable Raptor

April 2022

We have chosen Amy Watkins for our February Remarkable Raptor here at Riverview Junior High.

Amy is kind to everyone in class. She works hard and does her best to stay caught up if she is absent. Amy is always prepared and ready to work in class.

In math, Amy has a remarkable amount of enthusiasm about anything we are working on. (Literally, it's startling how excited she can get about math.) Amy is a friend to anyone around her. She makes other people in class feel important in the way that she smiles and jokes. Her upbeat and quirky personality brings positivity to the classroom. She is a hard worker and a great example to the students around her. We can always count on her to bring a smile to our faces with them.

Amy is a fun addition to our classes. Amy has a terrific sense of humor. We appreciated her participation and comments. She submits high-quality work and has a positive attitude. Amy is such a fun kid!

Amy helps to make the class a fun place to be with her witty and happy personality. She makes other students smile with her cute sense of humor. Amy is good at staying on task and works well with others during class time. She is kind and respectful to others and her teachers.

Amy is a team player and does well on any team. She doesn't complain and she always has a smile. I truly enjoy having her in class.

We are so grateful to have Amy in our classes!

Jace Dodge

8th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Jace Dodge has been selected as Remarkable Raptor for the month of April. Some of Jace's teachers had the following to say about him . . .

"Jace is a delight to have in English. He comes in with a great attitude every day and is kind to everyone. Jace also comes in and asks how he can improve scores and is actively working on bettering his skills, which is all you can ask for!" – Mrs. Brown

"Jace is a good student. He is bright and does well on his work. He makes sure to complete the steps and avoids skipping to rush through things. He's on task and friendly with others." – Ms. Roberds

"Jace is a treat. He has a fresh view of the world and each day there is more to explore. He is always kind to everyone and never puts himself above others. He is very smart and conscientious. It's important to him to get good grades but it's equally important to him to actually understand what he's learning. He actually likes to learn. He's great at making connections between what he is currently learning with what he has already learned." – Mrs. Slade

"Jace is great- I loved having him in English last year. Jace is smart, but also funny and kind. He always found creative ways to complete his projects and was a friend to everyone. He is super talented and is always willing to try new things." – Ms. Baugh

"Jace is a good kid. He is positive, funny, hard-working, and respectful. I have noticed that he is friends with many different groups of students; I appreciate his willingness to be kind to and work with anyone. He participates readily in class and contributes great ideas." – Mrs. Christensen

"Jace is a great kid! He always gives a good effort in P.E. and does well in everything we do in class. He also seems to get along with everyone which makes him a good teammate no matter which team he is assigned to. I really enjoy having Jace in P.E." – Coach Names

Jace is totally remarkable!! We had him as an office aide last semester during 1st period, which is one of our busiest times of day. He did such an amazing job! He picked up on everything he needed to do so fast and we just really enjoyed having him in here. He is such a kind, happy, awesome kid! I'm so happy he's been selected for this award! – Mrs. Baldwin

"What to say about Jace . . . Perhaps that he is AMAZING! I'm sure he's tired of me telling him that he needs to enroll in Honors English (*nudge nudge*) but truly - Jace is so smart and capable of great things. He is dedicated to his academics and works hard for his success. One of the things I really admire about Jace is how kind he is to everyone. He is always willing to work with anyone in our class, and makes

everyone around him feel included and welcome. We all have bad days - in theory - but I have no evidence that Jace has ever had a hard day! He shows up every day with a smile on his face, laughs at my horrible jokes, and makes my classroom a better place. Thanks for being a part of Riverview, Jace. – Mrs. Strader

Jace was our office aide last semester. He was so willing to be helpful in any way. He was great with the parents and students who came in, and we really enjoyed getting to know him. When we REALLY like an 8th grade office aide, we ask them to choose us again as a class to take in 9th grade. We would love to have Jace back in the front office next year. He's pleasant and kind and so conscientious. Jace is a great and deserving student for Remarkable Raptor. – Mrs. Moysh

Thank you for being such a Remarkable Raptor, Jace!

Kairi Peterson

9th Grade Remarkable Raptor

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When Kairi Peterson's name is mentioned to teachers at Riverview Jr. High, they can't help but follow up with positive adjectives: kind, considerate, creative, passionate, fun, well-rounded, diligent. These words capture some of the reasons why the 9th Grade Team has selected Kairi Peterson as a Remarkable Raptor.

All of Kairi's teachers agree that she is a joy to have in class. She is always friendly and never complains about assignments or puts other students down. Her positive attitude helps create an atmosphere where everyone can learn. She wants to do well in school not just to earn good grades but also because she values education. This sincere desire to learn motivates her to stay focused and always submit her best work on assignments. One teacher predicts how valuable these skills will be for Kairi: "Kairi's work ethic will serve her well in life."

Kairi does not give up when school gets tough. She is not afraid of hard work or worried about appearing stupid. For example, she continues taking German even though some of her peers decided to drop the class to take an easier elective. She even volunteered to take the parts in German plays that had the most lines to memorize and proceeded to perform them spectacularly! Even though she might feel nervous tackling academically challenging assignments, she is never so nervous that she remains silent in class. In fact, many of her teachers have pointed out that Kairi's willingness to participate and ask questions is her greatest strength. Her perseverance has helped her tackle "hard concepts in Biology" and complete an English essay despite her absence when the project was initially explained.

In addition to asking relevant questions, Kairi consistently makes insightful comments that make discussions more effective. One of her math teachers points out "she has thoughtful responses that help the classroom discussion and make us all think about things in a different way." Similarly, her history teacher explains how perceptive she is: "She participated readily and added profound questions and comments to our class discussions in US History class. I appreciate that Kairi is interested in learning about the world around her."

We will miss not having Kairi in our classes next year but are certain she will be amazing at Murray High. Good luck with all you do, Kairi!