

# Elisha Llewelyn

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Remarkable Raptor

### April 2023

The 9th grade team has chosen Elisha Llewelyn as our Remarkable Raptor for the month of April. The most common remark we all had about Elisha: Elisha is one of the happiest, most delightful students we have taught. This cannot be said strongly enough. Elisha brings an aura of happiness with her to class each day. She can sense when her peers (or even her teachers) need encouragement and she is quick to offer exactly what they need.

As a student, Elisha is especially remarkable. That is not to say that school has always come easy for Elisha. She will be the first to tell you if a class or topic is confusing to her. The difference between Elisha and many of her peers is that she will not give up on a tough concept. She has an academic maturity beyond that of a ninth grader. Elisha's process goes something like this: 1 - Listen and take THOROUGH notes during class. 2 - Ask countless questions during the lesson to help make sense of the new topic. 3 - Go home and practice, practice, practice. 4 - Come back the next day during Jurassic for even more follow up questions and practice with her teacher. Elisha's ability to advocate for her learning is going to make her find success in ANYTHING she chooses to do.

During class, Elisha is a willing participant. Regardless of the lesson, she will engage fully and help keep her peers on task. Elisha is particularly conscious of her peers that are frequently absent. She takes on the extra effort to help these students fit into the discussion. This is especially helped by the fact that just about every 9th grader respects Elisha and listens when she tells them to "shape up." We particularly love the insight Elisha brings to class discussions. Her unique life experiences make for the richest of conversations with our lessons.

I can truly say that Elisha will be missed so much when she goes to Murray High next year. She's one in a million!

# Charles Wood

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Remarkable Raptor

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I have chosen Charles to be our April Remarkable Raptor. Charles loves science and gives 100% every day. He comes to class with a smile and is always happy. Charles has the ability to help any student and be genuinely kind to all those that are around him. He very much deserves this award! - Mrs. Mackay

Charles is kind, happy, fun and always gives his best! Whenever anyone needs help, or to borrow a charger, Charles is the first to offer. Having him in English, Theatre 1, Theatre 2, AND the Musical, I can truly say that Charles is the best kind of person you can find. If you want a true friend, Charles is your guy! - Mrs. Baugh

Charles is mature beyond his years. He is an avid learner and asks great questions. He is always on top of everything. I love having him in my class. - Mr. Johnston

Charles is such a great kid! He always comes in ready to participate and contribute thoughtful commentary. He has one of the most amazing voices I've ever heard and I love getting to hear him sing in class. He's so funny, and definitely brightens up my classroom! Charles, thanks for letting me be your teacher! - Ms. Weber

He is a wonderful student and so kind to everyone. He is a great example of sportsmanship whether his team won or lost. He puts in 100% effort every day, doesn't complain and strives to be a positive example to his peers. - Mrs. Page

I loved having Charles in health class! He always had wonderful insights to add or fabulous questions that helped everyone deepen their understanding. He was also a great leader in good behavior for our guest presentations and was someone I could always count on for participation. I sure miss having him in health class, and I know he is going to do great things! – Mrs. Brown

Charles Wood is very respectful to everyone around him, and is very helpful to students that may be struggling around during small group work or in Think-Pair-Shares. He is engaged in the work and participates in any math activity assigned. Charles is also quick-witted-finds any small mistake I created and helps me to redirect. This is an AMAZING character trait to have! Charles holds himself to high standards of achievement, and completes his homework on time. If he does have any questions, he will advocate for himself. - Ms. VanAmen

Charles, as you can see, your teachers all think the world of you. You are one Remarkable Raptor!

# Raiden Yocom

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Raiden is the 9<sup>th</sup> grade's April Remarkable Raptor.  
Here are the many compliments his teachers have about him:

"I love Raiden! I just met him recently and he is the most respectful, hardworking human. I allowed him to attend volleyball open gym and was nervous that having him there would be a distraction, but he worked hard and was so responsive to our instructions and culture. After open gym, he came over and expressed his gratitude for allowing him to participate. He's a great kid, and I'm really lucky that I get the opportunity to work with him as a player."

"Raiden is very kind to others and he works hard. Raiden is very teachable, when I have subbed in Percussion he is very open to feedback and he immediately tries what he is learning. Raiden is a great person who works hard to overcome his obstacles in life."

"I loved having Raiden in Geography first semester. He was always able to demonstrate that he knew the content, and was always willing to participate in class discussions (which is saying something for 1st period). He's involved in school events and is a great friend to those around him. Though I don't have him in my class anymore, he still frequently stops by my room and says hello. Raiden's an awesome student and an awesome person!"

"In Art, Raiden is a wonderful volunteer. He helps my aide when she passes out supplies or papers and he helps hang up the art displays (especially the high ones). He works on his own projects and gets everything ready for days when he is gone on fieldtrips. He is friendly and inclusive with anyone in our class. Truly remarkable."

"I absolutely love having Raiden in English! He is very attentive to details and is someone I know I can always count on to participate and answer the tricky questions. Raiden also works well with everyone in the class and is a great leader. He is a great reader/performer for Romeo and Juliet, plus he just adds a great bright and positive light to our classroom. I know Raiden will do great things!"

"I don't even teach Raiden but every day in the first and second term he came in and said hello to me and asked how my day was. Such a sweet kid. I wish I taught him."

"Raiden is a super nice kid. Whenever he has come into the counseling office, he has been extremely kind, and you can tell that Raiden cares about the future and has tons of potential. I'm super proud of Raiden for being a Remarkable Raptor!"

“OH MY GOSH! I don't fill out these requests very often, but I am SOOO glad you chose Raiden. My team here in the kitchen adores him! He is genuinely courteous, and thankful. He gives eye contact with a sincere thank you, and is very thoughtful with people and his surroundings. We have watched him pick up garbage that others have left behind, and make friends with everyone. He includes others into his friend circle, and I really admire him for that.”

“Raiden is such a nice and respectful kid! He has this quiet confidence in himself that is rare to see in kids his age. Raiden is always kind to others and seems to get along well with everyone. I have enjoyed having Raiden in class.”

“I have loved getting to know and teach Raiden this year. He is always willing to offer up comments during class and asks great questions. Raiden has a way of uplifting those around him. In my massive Biology class this term, I can always count on Raiden to help with whatever and work with anyone near. I am constantly amazed at how Raiden balances all of his interests while staying on top of his schoolwork. Raiden is PRESENT. I don't think he knows how rare that is. Raiden lives in the moment and connects with those around him. I am going to miss him next year!”

“Raiden is such a nice kid! I have never had him as a student and he will still stop and say hi when he sees me in the hallway.”

“Raiden has been an awesome addition to our music program this year. His dedication to practicing, and helping others in class has been a joy to watch. He has a great can-do attitude, and spreads positivity wherever he goes. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone, and he's a great leader. These skills and attributes he possesses are going to help him find great success in life, and I am so glad he joined us. Making music with him is fun!”

“Raiden is an absolute joy to have in choir! His sense of rhythm is amazing (percussion kids) and he builds the bass section so much!! Although he joined choir halfway through the year, he quickly made friends with everyone in the class, and he is well loved equally by his peers and teachers! He is a team player and always gives every rehearsal 100% daily! When he has questions, he stays after class and does his best to figure out notes and rhythms and practices at home! He is reliable and a shining star!! TEAM RAIDEN FOREVER!!!!!!!!!!”

“Raiden is such a wonderful human being. He is kind, sensitive, compassionate, cares about others and he goes out of his way to see that his peers and friends are happy. That is such a wonderful thing to see a student do! He can also be witty at times. I sure enjoyed having Raiden in U.S. History last year!”

We are so lucky to have Raiden at our school and he is truly remarkable!

# Riley Ellis

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Riley Ellis is Riverview's Remarkable Raptor this month! Riley has such a great smile! His calm demeanor and pleasant, can-do attitude are such great attributes to our class atmosphere. He is a pro at self-advocating; ensuring that he understands and can do his best work. Riley is kind and thoughtful and deliberate, wonderfully mature qualities for such a young person. I'm so grateful that Riley is in my Spanish class!

I had Riley last semester and he is great and very responsible! He is respectful and displays good leadership qualities among his friends. His work was always done very well.

Riley Ellis is such an amazing student! He is smart, mature, and kind. I appreciate Riley's hard work and participation in Science. He asks great questions and is always actively engaged in his education. Riley is also very helpful and I appreciate all he does to help as my TA. Riley always seems to have a positive attitude and is just such a great example to his peers!

I've enjoyed having Riley in math class this year. He always has a positive attitude, works hard, and is focused on learning

Riley is polite, awesome, friendly, works great with his peers. He is responsible and is great to have in class!

I just adore Riley. Not only is he an excellent student, he is a good human. He is the sweetest, kindest young man. During first term for Show & Tell, I learned that he is already an entrepreneur and sells homemade dog treats in his family bakery. His drive and ingenuity is so inspiring to me. I hope that he continues to chase after his dreams. Riley makes my days better and I am so happy that is a part of Riverview!

As we can see, Riley really is a Remarkable Raptor and is a great example to his peers and teachers alike. Way to go, Riley!

# Jackson Cramer

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Here are some remarks from Jackson's teachers telling why they see him as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Remarkable Raptor:

I loved having Jackson in the musical; he is energetic, positive, and has the best smile!! - Ms. Baugh

Jackson is a gem to have in math class. He is an 8th grader in a 9th grade math class and I love that it doesn't stop Jackson from standing out. He is great at asking thoughtful questions when he doesn't understand. Jackson doesn't step back from academically challenging content. He also isn't afraid to fail in front of his peers during the learning process. Again, this is a remarkable feat in a class of opinionated 9th graders. I can't wait to see how he continues to excel academically. - Mrs. Johnson

Jackson was such a great library aide. I really enjoyed getting to know him and working with him. He was always happy, friendly and willing to do whatever needed done. He was always kind to his peers. Great kid. - Mrs. Hansen

Jackson Cramer is such an awesome student! He is talented, smart, and kind. I have loved having him in Science and seeing him perform on stage for the musical! Jackson is a great example to his peers and I appreciate all his hard work. – Mrs. Westbrook

Jackson is a wonderful student and he is a joy to have in class. He is very conscientious about his grades and let me know in advance that he was going on a trip and he had all his make-up workouts done when he came back to school. I truly enjoy having him in class and the positive energy he brings. – Mrs. Page

I love having Jackson as a student in choir, guitar, and the musical! He always gives his best effort in all performances, rehearsals, assignments, and projects. He is extremely reliable, and when he walks into class, he is a celebrity! Jackson readily grasps new ideas and concepts. He is flexible, kind to his peers, stays on task even when those around him are not, and an amazing leader. If I could, I would have Jackson as a student again and again!! – Mrs. Parker

# Aspen Weddington

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Remarkable Raptor

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Congratulations Aspen Weddington on earning the Remarkable Raptor for April! You've been such a delight to teach and all your teachers have wonderful things to say about you!

On multiple accounts, teachers have mentioned just how great of a leader you are. One teacher said, "Aspen is the kindest student and works amazingly with her peers. Aspen is never afraid to try and to share her thoughts in class. Aspen always has a smile on her face. It lights up our class." I couldn't agree more. Watching you take initiative with your group work and take other students under your wing is truly incredible. You possess such fantastic leadership skills and I can't wait to see where those skills take you!

Another teacher mentioned your musical skills *combined* with your leadership skills! "Aspen is an outstanding musician! She works hard in and out of class to master the violin. She is a kind and confident leader in Orchestra. I love how accepting she is of others, and goes out of her way to help and uplift her classmates."

Another thing we can all agree on is how much we love you, Aspen! "I love Aspen. She always greets me with a smile and hello when she comes into the library and she is always kind to those around her."

On top of how kind and how great of a leader you are, you're wonderfully creative! "Aspen has a very creative eye for the arts. She always comes up with really neat projects and develops them well. She takes time to help others who missed a demonstration and is responsible for her own projects. Aspen is truly remarkable."

"Aspen is so creative and a really great writer. She loves to learn and find out all she can about a topic. She is kind and inclusive with others in class and super responsible with her work. She is such a positive addition to any class."

Aspen, you do a fantastic job of representing Riverview Jr. High. You are kind, encouraging, always help your classmates, and consistently bring a positive energy to the classroom. We are so grateful for such an incredible student and we appreciate the example you set for your peers. You are a remarkable raptor!