

Kiwanis Honors Emperor Elementary School Students Kaida Sakamoto, Carolyn Wu, and Donovan Tong January 9, 2018



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized three outstanding students from Emperor Elementary School. Accompanying the students was Emperor teacher Miss Roxanne Trieu.

Kaida is 12 years old and in Mrs. Scanlan's class. She has four brothers and sisters and enjoys arts, crafts, baking, softball, volleyball, and creating things. Kaida said, "The best things about Emperor Elementary being able to help in the special ed class, the teachers, and the activity privilege." Kaida said, "The best thing that ever happened being a part of a family that I love very much and I am glad I have them. They always support me." If she could change one thing, it would be that people be kinder to each other. Personal goals are to get into a college in Hawaii, get good grades, and be kind to everyone.

Carolyn is 11 years old and in Mr. Giangregorio's class. She has an older sister and enjoys dance, baking, reading, photography, piano, flute, art, building furniture, sleeping and eating. Carolyn said, "The best things about Emperor Elementary are being able to participate in many activities such as the Heritage Trip, the dedicated teachers, the robotics and coding classes." The best thing that ever happened was being in dance class since she was five. If she could change one thing, it would be to promote a community of diversity, gender equality, and a safe environment. If she could change one thing, it would be to encourage girls to participate in STEM and computer programming. Personal goals are to create self-love, get into a private school, and help the less fortunate.

Donovan is 11 and 5/6th years old and in Mrs. Trieu's class. He has a younger sister and enjoys swimming, improving his math skills, and playing with his cousins. Donovan said, "The best things about Emperor Elementary are learning new things he would not learn at home, making new friends, and to go on field trips to new places." The best thing that ever happened was catching his first fish. If he could change one thing, it would be that his essays would make more sense. If he could build one thing, it would be a teleportation device that did not pollute. Personal goals are to get into CalTech and graduate there as an engineer, get into the honors class, and learn a new sport.

Each week the Temple City Kiwanis Club is pleased to recognize outstanding students and their teachers from Cloverly, Emperor, Longden, Oak Avenue, Temple City High School, and the Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center. Kiwanis treats students and their teacher to lunch. Students receive a certificate, a letter for their parents, a bumper sticker, a gift certificate from The Hat Restaurant, and a photograph of them receiving their award. Their photo and story will be posted on the Temple City Unified School District website and on their Facebook page.

Temple City Kiwanis has been serving our community since 1939. Members are dedicated men and women who desire to make a difference in the quality of life for the youth of Temple City. Kiwanis meets at 12:00 noon each Tuesday at North Wood's Inn

Restaurant. To find out more about Kiwanis, please contact Jerry Jambazian at (626) 643-9460. You can also visit their website at www.templecitykiwanis.org.