

**Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students
Kaida Sakamoto, Sahara Wiles-Koehler, and Chesnee Chan
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The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized three outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. Accompanying the students was long-time teacher Mrs. Debra Maurey. Mrs. Maurey is celebrating a 40-year teaching career with over 28 years in the TCUSD.

Kaida is 13 years old and has four brothers and sisters. She enjoys playing volleyball, drawing, and having fun. Kaida said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the students, teachers, and the lessons learned". The best thing that ever happened was meeting all her friends who always have her back and are kind. If she could change one thing, it would be the peer pressure from teenagers and adults. If she could build one thing, it would be a giant house for anyone who doesn't have a place to live. Personal goals are to discover a life career, and be thinking of a good college to attend.

Sahara is 14 years old and has an older brother. She enjoys Do-It-Yourself crafts, ceramics, and soccer. Sahara said, "The best things about Oak Avenue are the enrichment classes, the teachers, campus, and students". The best thing that ever happened was going to Florida with her father and going on the Fun Spot Sky Coaster. If she could change one thing, it would be global warming and its effect on the world. If she could build one thing, it would be a "cloudy and a chance of rain meatballs food machine to solve world hunger". Personal goals are to get into CSArts, go to Germany with her dad, and get a 4.0 GPA at Oak.

Chesnee is 14 years old and has two brothers. She enjoys playing video games. Chesnee said, "The best things about Oak Avenue is the teriyaki chicken, the loving teachers, and my great friends". The best thing that ever happened was going to Chicago and having a great time. If she could change one thing, it would be to stop human trafficking. If she could build one thing, it would be an electromagnetic force field that keeps bugs away. Personal goals are to pass all her classes, finish her college education, and have a healthy life style.

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 North Woods Inn, 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.