

Kiwanis Honors Longden Elementary School Students Koichi Hong Basil, Aden Ponce de Leon, and Eileen Navar (not pictured) March 26, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized three outstanding students from Longden Elementary School. Accompanying the students was Longden teacher Mr. David Alonzo and school secretary Mrs. Leigh Cobb.

Koichi is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. He has two brothers and a sister. He enjoys going hiking. Koichi said, "The best things about Longden are my friends, math, and P.E.". The best thing that ever happened was meeting his best friend Aden. If he could change one thing, it would be for his reading level to be higher. If he could build one thing, it would be a science tower for Longden school. Personal goals are to finish the sixth grade, become a better reader, and graduate from high school.

Aden is 12 years old and in the 6th grade. He has a younger sister Zoey. He enjoys bike riding, and Lego sets. Aden said, "The best things about Longden are my friends, reading, and the school safety". The best thing that ever happened was when he moved to Temple City. If he could change one thing, it would be to end world hunger. If he could build one thing, it would be a homeless shelter. Personal goals are to finish the sixth grade, go to Oak Avenue Intermediate School to improve his education, and eventually go to Temple City High School.

Eileen (not pictured) is 12 years old and enjoys reading books, and doing art projects. Eileen said, "The best things about Longden are making friends, and the small class size". The best thing that ever happened was getting her guinea pig Timmy. If she could change one thing, it would be to change world pollution and make it a healthier, greener environment. If she could build one thing, it would be a giant birdcage for all the birds in her father's backyard. Personal goals are to promote to the 7th grade, get through Oak Avenue, and eventually graduate from college.

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.