

# Kiwanis Honors Emperor Elementary School Students Carissa Zhang, Helen Guevara, Caymin Tran, and Jeffrey Lee May 14, 2019



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized four outstanding students from Emperor Elementary School. Accompanying the students was teacher Mrs. Roxanne Trieu and Emperor Principal Ms. Myra Ruedel.

**Carissa** is 12 years old and in Mrs. Scanlan's class. She has a younger brother and sister and enjoys playing the piano, swimming, reading books, drawing, and art class. Carissa said, "The best things about Emperor Elementary are my friends, students, teachers, playground, and learning new things". The best thing that ever happened was playing the piano in Carnegie Music Hall last summer. If she could change one thing, it would be to allow her family to have a dog. If she could build one thing, it would be a famous castle with art pieces in it. Personal goals are to live a long and happy life, become a successful animator, and read thousands of books.

**Helen** is 11 years old and in Mr. Giangregorio's class. She has an older sister and enjoys art and basketball. Helen said, "The best things about Emperor Elementary are the teachers, school spirit, and the time restrictions". The best thing that ever happened was getting better in math. If she could change one thing, it would be to stop animal abuse. If she could build one thing, it would be a animal shelter. Personal goals are to get straight A's, become better at drawing, and be a better person.

**Caymin** is 12 years old and in Mrs. Trieu's class. He has an older sister and enjoys swimming. Caymin said, "The best things about Emperor Elementary are the students, staff, and mindcraft". The best thing that ever happened was being able to make friends easier. If he could change one thing, it would be how shy he was when he was younger. If he could build one thing, it would be a place where Asian Americans could learn about traditions and ways of life. Personal goals are to swim more often, make more friends, and have a best friend.

**Jeffrey** is 11 years old and in Mrs. Scanlan's class. He enjoys playing basketball and video games. Jeffrey said, "The best things about Emperor Elementary are recess, basketball, and math class". The best thing that ever happened was going to church for the first time. If he could change one thing, it would be that his grandfather did not die before he was born. If he could build one thing, it would be a mansion for his family. Personal goals are to become an NBA player, have good grades, and get into a good 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](http://www.templecitykiwanis.org).