## Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Fatima Amador and Preston Opartkiettikul February 4, 2020



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized two outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. Accompanying the students was their teacher Mrs. Kaeli Kunkel

**Fatima** is 13 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She has a younger sister and enjoys dance, painting and drawing. Fatima said, "the best things about Oak Avenue are the students, amazing teachers, and the electives". The best thing that ever happened was getting into auxiliaries, and meeting some of her best friends. If she could change one thing it would be to become more confident and not to be scared to be herself. If she could build one thing, it would be more shelters for people in need. Personal goals are to become more confident, help others, and become a better dancer.

**Preston** is 13 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He has two older brothers and enjoys sleeping, art, computers, and talking to people. Preston said, "the best things about Oak Avenue are the people, clubs, and the teachers". The best thing that ever happened was finding himself in Middle School and bonding with old and new friends. If he could change one thing it would be to improve the earth's health by ending pollution. If he could build one thing, it would be a statue and museum in honor of firefighters, police, and veterans that have strived to keep us alive and well. Personal goals are to better himself and grow more mature, get closer and bond to his loved ones, and make his parents proud of him.

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 for North Woods Inn for \$10, 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.