



# Kiwanis Honors Oak Avenue Intermediate School Students Jayden Kadiman and Phoebe Li April 20, 2021



The Kiwanis Club of Temple City recognized two outstanding students from Oak Avenue Intermediate School. During this time of pandemic our club recognized these great students at a virtual Zoom meeting.



**Jayden** is 14 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He has an older sister enjoys swimming, playing video games, traveling, and watching movies. Jayden said, “The best things about Oak Avenue are spending time with my friends, the supportive teachers and staff, and the Giving Bach Orchestra for elementary students.” The best thing that ever happened was achieving straight A’s in elementary and middle school.

If he could change one thing, it would be to feed kids so they won’t go hungry. If Jayden could build one thing, it would be a cure for all types of cancer. Personal goals he is striving for are to qualify for senior times in swimming, getting accepted to a good university, and maintain straight A’s.



**Phoebe** is 14 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She has an older brother and enjoys reading to herself and others, copying down interesting quotes and making artworks from them. Phoebe said, “The best things about the Oak Avenue are the office and lunch staff that are always considerate and thoughtful about our well-being and mental health, the teachers who work incredibly hard during Covid to maintain relationships, and the various and diverse clubs and sports available for students to join.” The best thing that ever happened was volunteering as a tutor and the mother kindly expressed her personal gratitude. It was an extremely humbling and touching moment that stayed with her.

If she could change one thing, it would be change the closed mindsets of others. If Phoebe could build one thing, it would be a food making machine from the movie “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.” Personal goals she is striving for are to develop a better sleep schedule, improve her physical and mental health, and find more personal time to relax and not demand so much from herself.

Each month the Temple City Kiwanis Club is pleased to recognize outstanding students and their teachers from La Rosa, Cloverly, Emperor, Longden, Oak Avenue, Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center, and Temple City High School. Students receive a certificate, a letter for their parents, and a bumper sticker. Their photo and story will be posted on the Temple City Unified School District website, on their Facebook page, and the Superintendent’s monthly newsletter.

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 normally 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).