

# News Release

## Dobbs Ferry Middle School Celebrates 2013-2014 “Student of the Month” Award Recipients

**Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. June 24, 2014--** How does someone get to be named “Student of the Month”? Is it a popularity contest? Do you have to be the “teacher’s pet”? Is it done by lottery? Actually, there is a stringent criteria for choosing the one boy and one girl from each of the four Middle School teams-- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and the exploratory team (physical education/ art/music/ technology/ drama)-- who will be honored as “Student of the Month.”

“This is not an academic award,” said Middle School Principal Patrick Mussolini. “We have other recognition for academic achievement and athletic prowess. This designation recognizes other positive personal qualities and the many characteristics necessary to be a good citizen in addition to being a good student.”

Some 80 Dobbs Ferry Middle School students who were named “Student of the Month,” spanning September to June, and their parents were recently honored at an end of the year celebratory breakfast on June 16th. As “Student of the Month,” they were each awarded a certificate and pin, been recognized over the public address system, and had their photo and brief bio displayed in the Middle School entrance foyer. For the families in attendance there was good reason to be proud.

The specific criterion for nominating a “Student of the Month,” which is determined by teachers only, includes:

- Improvement in grades
- Positive attitude towards self and others
- Respectful to peers and teachers
- Good citizen
- Demonstrates responsibility
- Excellent effort

“The award winners make up a nice cross-section of our student population,” Mr. Mussolini said. “The program has been in existence for the past six years and each year we have no trouble finding qualified students to select for this special acknowledgement. No student can be selected more than once in a single year. The monthly award recipients are a great group of kids who really make positive contributions to their peers, in their classrooms and around the school.”

To review a list of the 2013-2014 “Student of the Month” honorees, please click on the link...

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