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## **PeaceBuilders** are a special addition to Wareham Middle School

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**WAREHAM** — Blessed are the peacemakers... and at the Wareham Middle School, the **PeaceBuilders** are pretty special, as well.

Bonnie Lasorsa, a teacher in Nobel Grade 6 math at WMS, explained how it all came about.

“The Student Council began the **PeaceBuilders** Student of the Month program in January as a way to recognize other students for making good choices,” Lasorsa wrote. “Each team, which is a House and a grade level, has five council representatives. These representatives nominate between two to five students from their own team each month. They are not allowed to nominate themselves.”

Lasorsa said the goal is to find students who embody the **PeaceBuilders** challenge — who are “caring, cooperative, and respectful.”

Once the nominations are in, the teachers on that team have the final choice of the Student of the Month for that team.

“Each month we end up with nine students,” Lasorsa said. The students each receive a certificate and a gift card to a local restaurant or store. Borders, Red Robin and Kool Kone all donated or split the cost of the gift cards for a month this year.

**PeaceBuilders** are students who:

- \* Praise People
- \* Give-Up Put-Downs
- \* Seek Wise People
- \* Notice Hurts
- \* Right Wrongs
- \* Help Others

After students receive their certificates, they fill out a profile sheet which is then used with their picture to give information about themselves. The last four months of student profiles are on display in the school's main lobby.

Lasorsa said as the finale for the program for this year, the Student Council is hosting a breakfast on June 15 for the students, their families, and Student Council members.

“We are hoping to expand the program next year by contacting businesses this summer for sponsors and to send copies of the profiles to the family’s each month,” she said.

Here are the special students who have been recognized:

<b>Douglass 6</b>	India Andrews	Robert Giannelli	Cameron Decas	Paige Fenskins
<b>Douglass 7</b>	Kaylyn Lockyer	Madeline Hennessey	Michaela McDuffy	Timeo Sequeira
<b>Douglass 8</b>	Nate King	Mike Ventura	Hope Wallace	Rachel Robado
<b>Franklin 6</b>	Damien Laughlan	Saje Gomes	Devin Lacourse	Kylee Higgins
<b>Franklin 7</b>	Jessica Foley	Kalcey Cecca	Will Craver	Kaylen Cecca
<b>Franklin 8</b>	Charlemya Erasme	Michaela Bottino	Mason Vasconcellos	Sidney Andrade
<b>Nobel 6</b>	Tim Peterson	Mikayla Sequeira	Kylie Silva	Samantha Taggart
<b>Nobel 7</b>	Holliane Sprowl	Andrew Tricker	Dhrumil Patel	Allison Bernique
<b>Nobel 8</b>	John Brand IV	Shanice Dixon	Charles Clapp	Emma Wynne