

Kiwanis



Being young leaders through practicing good character and good citizenship.

Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, positive self-esteem, and perseverance. Students work with their classroom teacher and establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance, or schoolwork. Students then work toward achieving the goal during a specific time period. The teachers and principal determine the best schedule for recognition. Some schools recognize Terrific Kids during each grading period. Other recognize students more often.

At the end of the designated time period all students who achieved their goals are recognized as Terrific Kids. Recognition includes being pinned as a Terrific Kid; a pizza, ice cream or other food-themed party; and presentation of certificates, and other giveaways.

A Kiwanis-family club helps support the Terrific Kids program at the school. The club plans Terrific Kids parties, provides recognition, and establishes partnerships with local community businesses to secure support for the program. Sponsoring businesses have the option of providing coupons, giveaways, or food for Terrific Kid parties.

The Terrific Kids program provides teachers with a tool to reward students for special achievements that may otherwise go unnoticed.

“Terrific” is an acronym representing the following: **T**houghtful, **E**nthusiastic, **R**espectful, **R**esponsible, **I**nclusive, **F**riendly, **I**nquisitive, and **C**apable.

Though the Terrific Kids program was designed as a school program, it also can be adapted for use in community centers or other organizations that support youth. When used in this setting, a staff member steps in to serve in the teacher’s role. The staff member then works with participants to set goals and monitors achievement.

