

# **AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

In keeping with our mission statement of developing the whole child, Somerset Primary will recognize students for academic, artistic, athletic, musical and character development accomplishments.

Students may be recognized during special/Friday morning assemblies

or

Honours Assembly

## **Honours Assembly:**

Honours Assembly occurs twice a year. An invitation will be sent to the parents of honorees.

**Note:** An invitation to Honours Assembly **does not** denote that your child is being recognized for academic honours.

It does, however, mean that your child is being recognized for achievement in any of the following categories (5):

**Academic Achievement:** Students in Primary **three through six** are designated to receive Principal's Honor, Honors, Merit or Academic Growth recognition at the end of each grading period.

**Principal's Honour** consists of students who earn all A's (90-100) in each core and encore subjects.

**Honors** consists of students who earn all A's (90-100) and/or B's (80-89) in core and encore subjects.

**The Merit Award** consists of students who earn (70-79) in core and encore subjects.

**Academic Growth** recognizes a very different type of academic achievement. It is meant to encourage and reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school, often in the face of special obstacles to their learning.

**NOTE:** Neither participation nor conduct is considered to determine Honor Roll. They may, however, be considered to determine merit recipients.

<b>Core Subjects:</b>	<b>Encore Subjects</b>
English Health Mathematics Reading Science Social Studies	Art Music Physical Education Information Technology

# Character/Excellence Award –‘Bee’ Attitude

The ‘Bee’ Attitude Award acknowledges students who promote good behavior inside and outside of the classroom; this includes consistently demonstrating the ability to get along with teachers and peers. To qualify for this award, a student must display good character throughout the year, earning 3-5 points in each of the following areas:

## September – January

*Perseverance*

*Responsibility*

*Cooperation*

*Self-Discipline*

*Pride in Appearance*

*Attendance & Punctuality*

## February - June

*Courteous*

*Confident*

*Honesty*

*Respect*

*Pride in Appearance*

*Attendance & Punctuality*

## **Attendance**

Attendance certificates are awarded for the following categories:

PLATINUM AWARD for PERFECT ATTENDANCE: For no absences, tardies, or early check-outs.

GOLD AWARD for PERFECT ATTENDANCE: For no absences and fewer than five tardies/early check-outs.

SILVER AWARD for EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE: For three or fewer absences and fewer than five tardies/early check-outs.

Bronze Award for EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE: For three or fewer absence

### **Note:**

- Attendance Awards will be mailed or sent with report cards in June.
- Please use the Department of Education’s Parent Calendars to assist you with planning family vacations. Removing students when school is in session is strongly discouraged.
- We do recognize extenuating situations may occur, and we understand in those cases.

# SOMERSET PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CHARACTER AWARD CRITERIA

Students must be judged on the 'Bee-Attitudes' below using the following scale:

**1 – never; 2 – sometimes; 3 – usually; 4 - almost always; 5 - always**

**Respect:** A feeling or attitude of admiration and politeness toward somebody or something, especially in putting somebody's feelings first; consideration or thoughtfulness; polite greetings offered to somebody; paying due attention and refraining from violating somebody or something.

**Consideration:** Careful thought or deliberation; mindfulness of others; thoughtful concern for or sensitivity toward the feelings of others; showing sympathy or empathy to somebody.

**Responsibility:** Literally means 'ability to respond'; oriented toward others, paying attention to them, actively responding to others' needs; others can depend on you; doing things to the best of your ability; accepting credit (humbly) when things go well, and accepting correction when things go wrong; keeping agreements; building a better world. Responsibility is an extension of respect.

**Confidence:** Belief in your own abilities to succeed and to act in a proper, trustworthy, reliable manner; knowing you are doing the right thing; knowing you are competent.

**Honesty:** The quality, condition or characteristic of being fair; truthfulness; sincerity; openness; tactful directness.

**Kindness:** The ability to behave kindly; the practice of being or tendency to be sympathetic and compassionate; acting in a way that shows consideration and caring.

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Keeping to an arranged time; attending classes and other activities on time or early; completing class work on schedule; taking work/notes home and returning work/notes to school promptly.

# Somerset Primary School Students of Excellence

**Perseverance:** determined continuation with something; steady and continued action or belief, usually over a long period and especially despite difficulties or setbacks; showing that you care about yourself so that even when something is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

**Responsibility:** accountability; the state, fact, or position of being accountable to somebody or for something; accepting the credit or the blame for something that has happened; keeping agreements; completing class work; taking work/notes home and returning work/notes to school promptly.

**Cooperation:** the act of working or acting together to achieve a common goal; fostering greater acceptance of people's differences and reducing interpersonal conflicts; includes listening, taking the viewpoints of others, communicating effectively, and solving conflicts appropriately.

**Self-Discipline:** the ability to do what is necessary or sensible without needing to be urged by somebody else in and out of class; developing your talents; working toward own goals.

**Attendance & Punctuality:** attending school and each class daily, on time.

**Total: 20+ = 80% (3-5pts)**

**1 – Seldom; 2 – Sometimes; 3 – Usually; 4 - Almost Always; 5 - Always**