

“DO THE RIGHT THING”



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TO: All School Faculty

**From: Joseph Rakow, DTRT Coordinator
Collier County Sheriff's Office**

Date: 08-28-2009

Subject: Do the Right Thing “October 2009-2010”

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you back to school for another exciting year.

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk is proud to recognize Collier County children who “do the right thing” by exhibiting exemplary behavior or performing acts of heroism. Sheriff Hunter first adopted the “Do the Right Thing” program in January of 1988 and has honored hundreds of children in ceremonies held monthly to recognize and reinforce good behavior, positive acts, and outstanding accomplishments in the community.

Since its inception, the Collier County Sheriff's Office “Do the Right Thing” program has awarded school age children for the following reasons:

- * *They have beaten a terminal illness.*
- * *Returned a lost wallet with money inside.*
- * *Dove into a pool to rescue a child lying at the bottom.*
- * *Jumped into a canal to save a friend or neighbor.*
- * *Rescued a person from a burning car or structure.*
- * *Gone out of their way, above and beyond, to help someone else in need.*

Each month the Collier County Sheriff's Office will continue to honor children in our community who distinguish themselves by their exemplary behavior. We need your help. If you know a child whose accomplishment, attitude, or outstanding efforts makes them a positive role model for their peers, please complete the form and return it to the school's contact person so they can mail it or fax it to me.

School staff is responsible for submitting the nomination form along with the narrative each month. Please have the coordinator send their completed information to my home school at Corkscrew Elementary c/o Cpl. Joseph Rakow, Youth Relations Deputy.

I encourage you to further recognize youngsters in your school for “doing the right thing” by acknowledging them at your school. Make space available on a central bulletin board to salute the monthly” Do The Right Thing” nominees and congratulate them during daily PA announcements. Have a “Do The Right Thing Day” each month and invite nominees to a special lunch. Honor finalists selected from your school during school assemblies. Please help us get our message across: “Good kids are newsworthy; Positive behavior is cool!”

If you have any questions, would like further information or want to share your ideas about the program, please feel free to call me at 377-6584, send an e-mail to RakowJo@Collier.K12.FL.US, or fax your forms to 239-530-9722.

I have enclosed the nomination forms and the program schedule for this school year.

Thank you for helping us reach the youth of our community through your assistance with this program.

Sincerely,

**Cpl. Joseph Rakow, Coordinator
Do the Right Thing
Youth Relations Bureau
Collier County Sheriff's Office**

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2009-2010

Nominations Due:

Ceremony Date:

September 11
October 2
November 13
January 22
February 26
March 19

October 12
November 16
December 14
February 22
March 22
April 19

***The ceremonies will be held at the Lorenzo
Walker High School Cafeteria at 3:00 pm
3710 Estey Avenue, Naples, Florida***

For additional information please contact Deputy Rakow (239) 377-6584