STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Sorter Elementary Staff decide their student of the month based on attendance, behavior, participation, and overall positive attitude. This month, Yasmin Perez, is a shining star in all of these categories. Yasmin rarely misses a day of our afterschool program, and when she is there she works hard, enjoys her time, and have never had a behavior problem.

Yasmin Perez is a 12 year-old fifth grader. Her favorite subject in school is math, where she excels. She has been attending 1st Chance since its inception at Sorter Elementary. Yasmin’s favorite part of the program is having time to do her homework, as well as having staff there who are able to help her when she is in need. Yasmin enjoys coming to the program and likes to hang out with her friends and play tag on the playground. Her favorite field trip she has taken with 1st Chance was bowling at Blossom Lanes. According to fellow program student, Tori Daniel, “Yasmin is the best friend you could ever have. And, if you have any questions about math, she’s the girl to go to.” Congratulations Yasmin and keep up the good work!

Yasmin Perez

ACTIVITIES

Student’s who attend the 1st Chance Program take part in an hour of Academics, followed by an hour of their choice of enrichment activities which can include outdoor play, structured group games, arts and crafts, dance, board games, Science Club, Cooking Club, Character Building, and every other week Mind Mapping. Pictured below are students enjoying their time at the program.

Right (clockwise starting top right):

Joshua Johnson, Lewis Triplett, Chris Scott, Mary White, Courtney Scott, Antonio Dunlap, and Lewis Johnson. These students are working on homework, or after completing their homework playing educational games.

Left (clockwise):

Kaitlin Veal shows off a crocodile made of Play Dough made during Arts and Crafts. LaMarion Gordon and Joshua Johnson show off their dance moves!
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

1st Chance Staff at Fair Plain West Elementary School choose their Student of the Month based on participation, behavior, attendance and overall positive attitude. This month, the staff members recognize Diamond Williams for her all of her efforts at the after school program.

Diamond Williams is a second grade student at Fair Plain West Elementary, and the youngest sibling of Michelle and Walter Williams. Diamond loves coming to the program. Her favorite component of the program is Enrichment where she is able to work on the various learning websites in the computer lab. Congratulations, Diamond on being awarded the Student of the Month! Keep up the good work!

Diamond Williams

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN...

Top Right: Students participating in Arts & Crafts. Bottom Right: Student Cadet, Darnell Johnson, and Site Leader, Mr. Johnson, assist students while they created goody bags. Top Left: Kyra Griffin, Site Leader, Ms. Snerling, and Crystal Johnson get their dance on! Bottom Left: Zaiah Hunt and Robbie Smith play a game of Connect Four.
INTERVIEW WITH THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Interviewer: How are academics different after school than academics during the school day?
Ty’Shiana: In school when I get done with my homework we have to sit and be quiet but in the afterschool program I get to play math and vocabulary games.

Interviewer: What are some ways staff and teacher encourage you in the after school program?
Ty’Shiana: The staff helps me by telling me to complete my work, that I’ve done a good job and to stay in school.

Interviewer: What is different about afterschool lunch and what is your favorite food in the afterschool program?
Ty’Shiana: Lunch during school is noisy and crowded but in the afterschool program its quiet, peaceful and I get to have seconds. My favorite food is the broccoli.

Interviewer: What are some recreational activities offered in the afterschool program?
Ty’Shiana: Play Simon Says because we get to get up and not sit around.

Interviewer: What is your most memorable character building has had the greatest impact and why?
Ty’Shiana: My favorite character building theme was “Why I’m Special”. I enjoyed learning how people are different and that it’s ok to be different.

Interviewer: Who is your favorite vendor that comes to the afterschool program?
Ty’Shiana: I’m Saving Myself because I get to dance and be myself which allows me to feel free.

Ty’Shiana Jackson

A DAY AT MORTON HILL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Academics

Students begin the day with one hour of Academics followed by an hour of their choice of enrichment activities. Pictured below are students enjoying their time at First Chance.

Left: Mr. Ginter and Stephon Sims play a computer math game

Below: Jarius Hubert receives help with learning multiplication tables

Left: Students play a math competition game while practicing their multiplication facts

Right: Students work on practicing counting money

Right: Ty’Shiana Jackson shows off a dinosaur she created during Arts and Crafts

Above: Students participating in activities during outdoor play
Congratulations to the Student of the Month, Quindarius Davis. Quindarius works hard to master his assignments, he is a good leader, and he is very respectful. Here are a few things he had to share about his experiences at 1st Chance after-school program at McCord Elementary.

Interviewer: What do you like about First Chance?
Quindarius: Some things I like about 1st Chance are going bowling, playing football and basketball. I also like to dance to the music.

Interviewer: What is one of your most memorable moments about the program?
Quindarius: Going skating!

Interviewer: What do you like most about the Academic component?
Quindarius: I love doing math!

Interviewer: Thank you for your time and congratulations again on being named Student of the Month. Keep up the good work Quindarius!

A DAY AT McCORD ELEMENTARY

Clockwise from top left:
Omarion Seuell and Montasia Pritchard playing Connect Four
Angel Varnado and Jazmine Davis jumping rope
McCord students practicing a Tae Kwon Do kick
Vernesha Cornelius working it with a Hula Hoop
The 1st Chance staff at Calvin Britain decide their student of the month based on attendance, behavior, participation and overall positive attitude. This month we recognize Anthony Kyle as our Student of the Month. Anthony has consistently received the Student of the Week award for outstanding leadership in Mrs. Jack’s class during the school day. Anthony is the President of the Student Council at 1st Chance Calvin Britain. He enjoys the academic component of the after-school program. When asked what Anthony aspires to do after high school, he replied that he plans on receiving an athletic or academic scholarship so that he may attend college and pursue his dream of attaining a college degree.

Congratulations Anthony on being named the Student of the Month! Keep up the good work!

Anthony Kyle

A DAY AT CALVIN BRITAIN

Student’s who attend the 1st Chance Program take part in an hour of Academics, followed by an hour of their choice of enrichment activities which can include outdoor play, structured group games, arts and crafts, dance, board games, and Character Building. Pictured below are students enjoying their time at the program.

Above right: 1st Chance staff member, Mrs. Bridgewater, calling numbers for BINGO during enrichment time. Above middle: Students playing BINGO, while program instructors, Mr. Gerhard and Mrs. Wilson, assist them.
WHAT WE DO FOR FUN...

Hanging with friends

Pictured Above: Supriya Atkins, Tynisha Favorite, Keshay Alexander, Ronyeah Booker, and Brianna Buchanan perform a dance tribute to the late Michael Jackson during enrichment time at the program.

Hoopin'

Top: Nathan Dillard
Bottom: Isaiah Swift

Jump Rope

Top: Tamarra Cloy, Taeya Fletcher, & Kaitlin Veal
Bottom: Kaitlin Veal, Arial and Tamarra Cloy

Play Games

Left: Mary White and Courtney Scott
Right: Isaiah Swift and Hector Vargas

Pictured left: Jordan Favorite showing off his toy he received as a prize for winning a game that required following detailed instructions.

Dance

Pictured Above: Students at Calvin Britain After School Program get an opportunity to enhance their social and communication skills by playing group games.
Students who participated in the Healthy Cooking Club were afforded the opportunity to get their hands dirty, have fun, and learn important information about food and their health. Students pictured (left) are showing off a Strawberry Yogurt Fruit Parfait they made from scratch. (right) Students show off their completed Food Pyramid, after learning the importance of the six Food Groups.

Pictured right are student’s who participate in the Morton Hill Drama Club. They are seen here practicing a play for their next performance.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS SPOTLIGHT

“What I like about First Chance is the enrichment time. You can play around and have fun, which is what I like mostly. I like academics; you can finish your homework.” - Erionquay Gaither

“I like academics. What I like about academics is learning and playing educational games. I like enrichment time. What I like is playing games on the computers, playing basketball, and doing key chains and bracelets. I like going outside and baking cookies, making hot dogs and other stuff. Plus I like the staff because if they weren’t here we wouldn’t be here doing the program and that’s why I LOVE THEM ALL. We’re like family in the program. Thank you!” - Kyra Griffin

“I like everything about the program, especially basketball. I love coming. I love softball even if I lose. I am happy and adore coming. I love enrichment time too!” - Artissua Jones

“What I do like about the program is academies because I do not get to do my homework at home.” - Johnny Lee

“I like to play and I like to have fun and we work and they are nice to us.” - Jar’Vell Griffin

“I like to go outside and play on the computers. I like to play games on the computer. I play dress up Hannah Montana. And I like to learn.” - Angel Crockett

“What I like about the program is when we have our field trips and when we have enrichment time and when we get our snacks and food.” - Courtney Burton
STUDENT TESTIMONIALS SPOTLIGHT

“I am a First Chance student. Some things I like about First Chance are playing games, playing outside, and learning to write better.” - Tamia Clay, 3rd Grade

“I am a First Chance student. Some things I like about First Chance are dancing, going outside, and playing games. We go to the computer lab, eat snacks, go on field trips and learn new things in First Chance.” - Nathan Bryant, 3rd Grade

“Some things I like about First Chance is going outside and playing basketball.” - Javaughn Kuykendoll, 1st Grade

“I am a First Chance student. Some things I like about the program are when staff play with us, give us treats, go bowling and skating, and playing outside.” - Tekasia Spencer, 3rd Grade

“I am a First Chance student. Some things I like about First Chance are: I can get help with my homework, playing games, eating snacks, going to the computer lab, and learning new things. I also like riding on the bus so my mom won’t have to come and get me. I have a good time, teachers teach me.” - Wrennie Davis, 3rd Grade

“I am a First Chance student. Some things I like about the program are jump rope and play dough.” - Brisa Marin, 1st Grade