March 2025 Core Value: Diversity

School	Student Name	Why they were nominated
Cedar Wood	Saanvi Srivastava	Saanvi helps create an inclusive environment by supporting peers from different backgrounds.
Emerson	La'Zarhia Bullock	La'Zarhia actively engages in school activities, including Shelf Elf, Kindness Club, and Robotics. In addition, she was the Prodigies of Peace second place award winner, competing against other students in Snohomish County. La'Zarhia is a friend to all; teachers can rely on her as a positive role model.
Forest View	lan Park	Ian consistently goes out of his way to help those who are struggling and leads them with care. He is not afraid to advocate for those who need help finding their voice. I have seen him stand up to classmates and teachers to make sure those around him are treated fairly, and with love and respect.
Garfield	Hermione Garcia Cortez	Hermione is inclusive to all and brings out the best in all her classmates. Hermione is fluent in both Spanish and English. Hermione consistently supports all her classmates in their daily activities.
Hawthorne	Evelyn Barajas Chavez	Evelyn is inclusive of all of her classmates and other Hawthorne students throughout the day. She is an active student leader who is willing to share her ideas to make our school better. Keep being great Evelyn!
Jackson	Avery Miller	Avery is a welcoming and accepting student. She always thinks of others' needs and how she can show them kindness, such as giving them a coveted classroom job.
Jefferson	Peyton Cooper Taylor	Peyton goes out of her way to interact with and support kids who are struggling in class in a positive and friendly manner. She is aware of the diversity in our classroom and identifies and celebrates students' unique character traits.
Lowell	Artem Kedrich	Artem shows great diversity within our classroom community by always accepting and embracing the many differences we all bring to the classroom. His openness to different perspectives and

		experiences creates an inclusive and welcoming
Madison	Evangeline Palogon	environment for everyone around him! Evey fosters a sense of appreciation for diversity in the classroom. She is very proud of her culture and loves sharing about all the different facets of her Filipino heritage. Evey is also curious and enthusiastic about the background of other students and even the characters in our books. This sparks curiosity in other students as well.
Mill Creek	Kennedy Balkman	Kennedy is a leader, and her actions show her acceptance of all students. No one ever feels left out when Kennedy is around. She is kind-hearted and refuses to let anyone play alone. Her dedication to inclusivity and diversity, regardless of background or identity, makes her an amazing person who deserves to be celebrated.
Monroe	Aviana Gaudreault	Aviana embraces and celebrates every individual in our classroom community. She has taken it upon herself to get to know every single one of her classmates on a deeper level and is a friend to all. She advocates for others needs and interests when the opportunity arises and makes every student in our classroom feels special.
Penny Creek	Vivaan Jaideep	Vivaan is curious, inclusive, and willing to learn from others who might be different. He can be counted on to include everybody and is a friend to all.
Port Gardner K-12	Tisa Moeai	Tisa joined Port Gardner mid-year and has already shown her love of sharing her own culture and learning about the cultures of others. She embraces differences as a strength and an asset to be shared with each other. She confidently shares her own life and eagerly listens to others share theirs. This positive attitude is not only one of the reasons she has already made so many friends but is also an essential part of our learning community here at PGS.
Silver Firs	Baker Mehaffy	Baker is kind, helpful, and respectful with his peers. He likes to take care of others and takes pride in his work. He follows our classroom rules and always ensures that his friends are taken care of.
Silver Lake	Rebecca Borja	Rebecca is strong in math and reading and enjoys school. She also helps other Spanish-speaking students when they don't understand what to do

		or how to communicate. Rebecca has many interests outside of school, such as ballet, swimming, skiing, and skateboarding. She is a great asset to our class.
Tambark Creek	Reyansh Bansal	Reyansh has helped create a positive and welcoming learning environment by showing respect to all students.
View Ridge	Clara Rudow	Clara brings a unique perspective to the classroom, enriching class discussions daily. She embraces different cultures, shares her traditions with her classmates, and is always eager to learn from others. Her inclusive mindset fosters a welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and heard.
Whittier	Napattikorn Pannak	Napattikorn deserves recognition because he is friendly toward others. He shares his culture, perseveres through the challenges of learning English, and works to include others.
Woodside	Sally Zaragoza	Sally has embraced diversity as she looks for assets in each student. She began learning sign language to communicate with our nonverbal students and play together at recess. Sally has been kind, patient, and a good friend. Way to go, Sally!
Eisenhower	Donovan Heldart	Donovan is a model student and friendly to everyone. He's always looking for ways to be helpful and shows respect in everything he does. He is a pleasure to have in class.
Evergreen	Leiver Hernandez	Leiver is the embodiment of diversity here in Everett. Not only is he part of the second generation of his family to attend Everett Public Schools, but he also seeks opportunities to bring his classmates together and has a diverse friend group and hobbies. Leiver helps to create a more just and equitable part of EPS by his very presence at Evergreen Middle School, where he is a student-athlete.
Gateway	Dakota Boston	Dakota is a student with an amazing worldview. For spirit day, she dressed as a single working mother to highlight and advocate for equality and awareness. You rock, Dakota!
Heatherwood	Cemal Bedir	Cemal is a kind and thoughtful presence in our school community. He stays true to what's important to him while always showing respect and support for those around him. We're proud to

		recognize him for the positive way he treats others every day! Thank you, Cemal, for being such a
		warm and welcoming student.
North	Desirae Faye Brown	Desirae is well-known and respected, as many have
		experienced her thoughtfulness and kind
		consideration. Desirae values everyone and often
		goes out of her way to help anyone in need. Her
		kind actions are not always recognized, but that
		never deters Desirae from giving others her best.
Cascade	Naomy Basilio-Lopez	Naomy is in leadership and part of the Latino Club.
		She has taken on the task of moving Culture Night
		from leadership to the Latino Club. She is also
		organizing a Cascade Cup (Soccer Tournament) to
		build the school community this school year.
Everett	Keanu Weimer	Keanu is a leader on our campus. He has been very
		involved with our Martin Luther King Assembly and
		Multicultural Night planning every year. He holds
		leadership roles formally and informally to ensure
		students are seen and heard.
Jackson High	Maheder Melese	Maddie consistently advocates for an increase in
		diverse voices and representation. As a part of
		BSU, she helped lead an amazing MLK assembly.
		Maddie advocates for her own needs as a student
		with a disability, as well as the needs of others.
Sequoia	Carly Bayles	Carly is inclusive and kind to all. She looks for the
		strengths in others, even if they are different from
		hers. I have seen Carly grow up a lot since last year
		and overcome so many challenges that she truly
		has a point of view that views our differences as
		strengths! Although she is quiet about it—as she
		continues, her influence will help others see and
		magnify our strengths in our differences.