

# Kids with Character

This recognition showcases students who have made a difference by accepting responsibility, showing kindness, valuing others' concerns and helping resolve conflicts and honoring their commitments.



**Jessica**

Jessica Bally, a 13-year-old who attends Avon Middle School, was nominated by her teacher, Nancy King, as a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for being an extraordinary student who goes above and beyond what is expected of her in the classroom.

"She is a role model and an example to others," King said of Jessica. "[She is] an extraordinary young lady."

Others around the school have noticed the eighth-grader's actions, too. Heather Pelphrey, a teacher there, said Jessica is an outstanding student who seeks to help others. "Volunteering is part of her life," Pelphrey said. "She is a joy to have had in the classroom."

Toni Burch, an office aide at Avon Middle, said Jessica "is always there to help ... she's like having another adult office aide in the office." She said she is proactive when she sees something that needs to be done - she doesn't wait to be told what to do, she asks if she can do it.

In addition to being an office aide, Jessica takes part in spelling bees and student council at school. Outside of Avon Middle, she takes ballet dance classes and participates in outreach initiatives with her church.

Jessica's parents are Carl and Marlyn Bally, and she has a sister who is in the 11th grade.



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