



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

Marta Koziy, 13, was nominated to be a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for being a smart, independent student who gets things done with sound judgment and a help-by-the-book mentality.

She was nominated by Nancy King, Marta's Spanish teacher at Avon Middle School, who said her student goes beyond what is expected to help others.

"I would say that she's a quiet leader," King said.

When students gather into groups to work, some groups get less accomplished than others — but not Marta's.

"When she's with her group, they are diligent, they are working," King said.

After teachers across the school were asked to nominate two boys and two girls for student of the month in September, Marta's name came up repeatedly, King said.

And sure enough, Marta was given the award.

"It's not just in my classroom, it's what everybody's observing," King said. "She's a quality kid."

When the eighth-grader was an office aide last year, she didn't need any prodding from Toni Burch, the school's attendance aide, to get things done.



**Marta**

"With Marta, she just knew what to do," Burch said. "If we need a student, she knows how to look them up and how to get them. If a parent comes in, she can answer a lot of questions."

Burch said Marta knew just what to do in an emergency, too.

"If a student didn't feel well and I would be on the phone, she would get the emergency medical book out and bring it to me with the proper page turned."

This year, Marta is a media aide instead but she left a lasting impression on the school office.

"We do miss her, we really do," Burch said.

Marta, a straight-A student, plays tennis and ran track last year. She lives with her parents, Rostyslav and Roksolana, and her younger brother, Mark.



For nomination criteria, go to [www.chroniclet.com/nie](http://www.chroniclet.com/nie) or call Barb Riitsko-Stephens at (440) 329-7239.