

A great bunch of kids

Local students cited for 'adoption' program

by DAN DILLON

There's a great bunch of kids in Connie Kinder's sixth grade class at Sandy Elementary School.

Kids just like them are doing great things throughout the Northwest and Sunday evening the class will be among 19 individuals and 19 groups in Oregon and Southwest Washington honored as winners of the KATU/Tom McCall Community Service Awards for Great Kids.

KATU Television will honor the winners in an hour-long special, at 6 p.m. on Channel Two.

The local winners are being cited for their adoption of residents at St. Jude's Nursing Home as grandparents.

"When we met at the beginning of the school year we talked about doing something in the community," Kinder explained. "They wanted to do something for someone else."

They chose the grandparent adoption because of the walking distance from the school. Since that decision, the class has dressed up for Halloween and taken cards to their friends, made name cards and turkey napkin holders at Thanksgiving, caroled at Christmas and brightened the lives of the people at the care facility.

As the holidays have rolled by, the students have made their visits, taking valentine cookies decorated by the kids with their "grandparents'" names and dropping in with special Easter egg art projects.



Sandy Elementary students earned recognition for adopting "grandparents" like Cora Pringle and surprising them with holiday visits and gifts they make in the classroom.

Services performed by other winners included translating Korean into English for grade school parents during recess, teaching sign language to schoolmates and counseling young victims of drug, alcohol and physical abuse.

Nine community leaders judged the entries from those submitted by kids and adults for services between April 1982 and April 1983.

All winners receive a special-

ly designed certificate bearing the signature of Gov. Tom McCall.

Judges paid particular attention to activities initiated, organized and sustained by kids; projects that helped a special needy segment of the community—the elderly, young, handicapped and abused, and services requiring a youngster's volunteer time.

Students Brad Caba and David Izer took a special in-

terest in the visitations, going up to St. Jude's every Wednesday.

"It's fun. Whenever you go there their faces light up and it makes you feel really good," Caba said. His adoptee, Vern, "always gives me a big hug," he added.

The students "really learned to care about older people and communicate with them," Kinder said. "It made an im-

pact on the people at the nursing home."

Financing their program added another lesson for the class.

They took out a loan of \$20 at Clackamas County Bank to finance a cookie sale. Each student was required to put up an item valued at \$1 for collateral by the loan officer, who made it a point to talk about the seriousness of taking out a loan with the class.

The young entrepreneurs were able to turn the loan into \$60 to help finance the program, Kinder said.

The reward, a \$100 prize for being a first place winner in the Great Kids competition, will be used to purchase something for Sandy Elementary "to have something to remember the class by." They are working with Principal Darrell Shepherd to make an appropriate selection.

After Wednesday's filming of the Sunday special, the students were also treated to an ice cream party at Farrell's.

The students gained a lesson outside the classroom that Kinder might not have anticipated in her first year at Sandy Elementary, after a year teaching at Cottrell School in its Talented and Gifted program.

"At first they were real reluctant," she remembered, "but throughout the year things have really loosened up."

"The kids really have a super attitude."

That is because the group of sixth graders are great kids and after Sunday everyone will know about it.

Post office schedules grand opening fete

The U.S. Postal Service this week announced the grand opening of the Sandy Post Office. The new postal facility, located at 17570 Wolf Drive, opened for business May 2.

Local Postmaster Arnold Becker this week extended an invitation to the local community to attend the grand opening ceremony to be held at the post office June 7 at 1 p.m.

The first mail route was

established in Sandy in 1870 by early settlers who paid the carrier to bring mail to Sandy once a week.

In 1873, Sandy was authorized its own post office which served 300 people. The first postmaster, Richard Gerdes, was appointed on Feb. 13, 1873.

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Local Scouts gain prestigious award

For the first time, Sandy area Girl Scouts have been awarded the prestigious Silver Award.

Six Sandy area Cadet Girl Scouts from Troop 865 received the award at a special buffet tea at the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach May 15. This is one of the highest awards that can be earned by a Girl Scout.

For the past 24 months the girls have been developing new skills, planning for their future, serving the community and taking the lead to meet present

and future challenges to the Girl Scout program and in their own lives.

The award recipients were:

—Sandy High School sophomore Tammy Brinser, daughter of Charlotte Brinser of Sandy.
—Sandy High School freshman Dixie Cochran, daughter of Michael and

Shirley Cochran of Sandy.
—Cedar Ridge School eighth-grader Wendy Cox, daughter of Kent and Sharon Cox of Sandy.

—Cedar Ridge School eighth-grader Meleta Hooley, daughter of David and Cheryl Hooley of Sandy.

—Sandy High School freshman Cathy Johnson,

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