

Kiwanis Honors Longden Students Serena Rae Smalley, Melissa Cabrera and Roger You

Kiwanis Club of Temple City was pleased to have honored three outstanding students from Longden Elementary School at their meeting, March 23, 2004. Pictured with the proud students is their teacher, Mrs. Marcelle Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson has been teaching at Longden for 7 years and loves it.

Serena is 12 years old and has one brother. Serena enjoys playing softball and body boarding. The three best things about school are "learning new things, hanging out with my friends, and P.E.". The best thing that ever happened was when Serena's twin cousins were born. Serena said, "If I could change one thing in this world, it would be that my Grandmother would not have passed away". Three personal goals she is striving for are to go to a good college (many suggestions were given by our members), to be a veterinarian, and to become a great person.

Melissa is 12 years old and has a brother and sister. Melissa enjoys playing baseball. The best things about school are "my teacher, the playground, and the classroom". The best thing that ever happened to Melissa was when she came to Longden school. If she could build one thing in this world, it would be a school for kid's that don't have parents. Three personal goals Melissa is striving are to get a college degree, to be a doctor, and have a happy family.

Roger is 11 years old and has the house all to himself, no brothers or sisters. Roger is interested in airplanes like the Boeing 737's, things that use electricity, and making things. The best things about school are being able to pick what he wants to eat, the nice teachers, and the school. Roger said, "the best thing that ever happened to me was when I got a student of the month trophy from my TaeKwonDo class". If Roger could build one thing, it would be a solar powered electric plug for people in areas that don't have electricity. Three personal goals Roger said he is striving for are "to get my blackbelt, get good grades in school, and to receive a good education".

Temple City Kiwanis Club is pleased each week to recognize outstanding students and their teachers from Cloverly, Emperor, Longden, and the Community Learning Center. Each student and their teacher is our guest for lunch. Students receive a certificate, a letter for their parents, a bumper sticker, a gift certificate from The Hat restaurant, and a photograph of them receiving the award.

Temple City Kiwanis has been serving our community since 1939. Our members are dedicated men and women who desire to make a difference in the quality of life for the Youth of Temple City. We meet 12:00 noon each Tuesday at Sir George's Restaurant. To find out more about Kiwanis please call Bob Tyler at (626) 285-6558.