

An important person I know...



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**Barth Elementary
McDonald's Contest winners
2021-2022**

5K - Peyton Simms-Wilson

1st - Sophia Elabbasi

2nd - Ali Belgrave

3rd - Aryelle Singleton-May

4th - Miracle Davis

Peyton Simms-Wilson
Kindergarten, Barth
Mrs. Winneberger

An important person I know is my sister, Skyler. This person is important to me because she helps me, shares with me, and LOVES me.

Sophia Elabbasi

1st grade, Barth

Mrs. Lammey

Mommies Are The Best

A very important person I know is Mommy. My mommy is an important person in my life. She makes me good meals. They are spaghetti with sauce and meatballs. She takes good care of me when I am sick. She does love me very much. You can't convince me otherwise that my mommy is not the BEST!

Ali Belgrave
2nd grade, Barth
Mrs. Matthews

My mom provides shelter and comforts me. She cooks me good food. She teaches me new things. I love my mom because she loves me. This is why she is important.

Aryelle Singleton-May
3rd grade, Barth
Mrs. Cora

An Important Person to Me
By A 3rd Grade Student

My friend Kylaa is an important person to me.

Kylaa is respectful. We try not to hurt each other's feelings because friends are kind to each other and I would never want to hurt Kylaa. That would be disrespectful and unkind.

Kylaa makes me laugh. She draws funny pictures and she tells hilarious stories. Overall, she is just the perfect friend for me.

Kylaa is truthful. She is the most truthful person I know. If she wants to let out some stress, she and I will talk about it at the bench on the playground. Kylaa is like a sister to me. I respect her so much and I hope she feels the same about me.

Kylaa is an important person to me because she is respectful, she makes me laugh, and she is truthful.

Miracle Davis
4th Grade, Barth
Mrs. McDonnell

There are a few people whose actions make them an important person. In the next couple paragraphs, I will be telling you about my dad, someone important that I know, and why he is important to me.

One reason my dad is important to me is because he is trustworthy and always keeps his word. For example, he told me if I get an A on my test he would take me and my siblings to the park and go for ice cream that weekend. When I brought my test home and showed him I got an A, he was proud of me! We went to the park and had ice cream.

My dad is also grateful and I am grateful for that. I don't give him the best Christmas and birthday presents, but he still is grateful for every little thing me and my siblings give him. He never gives it back or says he can't take it right now. He also does not complain about the gifts.

Another reason why I believe my dad is important is because he is loving. He puts everyone before himself. He treats everyone equally. He reads me and my siblings bedtime stories every night and gives us a snack before bed. He never treats anybody badly. My dad is also helpful. He helps me with my chores. He helps everyone and I never hear him ask for anything in return. He and I always say, "Always happy to help!" or "I'm here if you need me."

As you can see, there are many amazing people in my life, but my dad is really an important person I know.

**Franklin Elementary
McDonald's Contest winners
2021-2022**

5K - Christian LeBoon

1st - Natalia Castillo-Sanchez

2nd - Kamryn Kaehn

3rd - Melinda Rosado-Lutz

4th - Jacqueline Foster

Christian LeBoon
Kindergarten, Franklin
Mrs. Freese

An important person I know is my Mom.
She hugs me.
She's really good at cooking.
I always eat her spaghetti.

Natalia Castillo-Sanchez

1st Grade, Franklin

MISS McDonald

An important person in my life is my sister. She is very important to me because she makes my bed, helps with homework, and gets food when I am hungry.

Kamryn Kaehn
2nd Grade, Franklin
MISS Diodat

An important person I know is Miss Diodati. She is my favorite person because she is nice and kind. She is my second grade teacher. She is nice and kind because she helps me whenever I need it. She keeps me safe when there is a drill. She always knows what to do. Miss Diodati is so sweet and nice. She has great rules too! She thinks of amazing things to do! Miss D is a special person.

Melinda Rosado-Lutz

3rd Grade, Franklin

Mrs. Lepkowski

An important person to me is my grandfather. He has encouraged me to stay strong and he makes me laugh.

He fought cancer, so that is why he has encouraged me to stay strong. He has always been there for me. He may be gone, but he will always be in my heart. He fought cancer for me so I will fight for him and make him proud.

He made me laugh. He was so funny and used to tell me the funniest of jokes. He used to do this really silly dance. It made me laugh so hard and I would do it too. One time, he only shaved half his mustache and he looked so silly!

My grandfather was and still is an important person in my life.

Jacqueline Foster

4th Grade, Franklin Elementary

Miss Murray

Do you have a person in your life that is important to you? One person that has been important in my life is my brother Devon. Devon is very kind and caring to me.

One of the reasons why Devon is important to me is that he is kind. He always helps me by getting stuff I can't reach. He also makes sure I get to school safely. Once, he walked with me all the way to school and then all the way back home. Devon always listens to what I have to say and never ignores me when I'm talking.

Devon is also very caring to me. He commonly gives me stuff from when he was a child, like books, arts and crafts stuff, toys, and other items. Devon also makes time for me. Sometimes he will cancel his plans just to spend time with me. From time to time he will take walks with me in the park or in a garden when I'm stressed. He will also make food and drinks for me to make me happy and feel better.

There are several people in my life that are very important to me. Devon is one of the most important people that I know. The way he is so kind to me and how he cares for me are part of what makes him so important to me.

Lincoln Elementary
McDonald's Contest winners
2021-2022

5K - Erick Johnson

1st - Hestefania Gomez-Perez

2nd - Jaylah WitherSpoon

3rd - Kameron Lewis-LeSher

4th - Reagan Culbreath

Erick Johnson
Kindergarten, Lincoln
Mr. Sperat

An important person I know is Mr. Sperat. He is important because he teaches me stuff like how to follow the rules. Sometimes I clip down for not following the rules. He is also important because he helps me put my glove on my sleepy arm with two rubber bands, and he helps me zip my coat.

Hestefania Gomez-Perez

1st Grade, Lincoln

Ms. Mooney

A president is important. Abraham Lincoln was important because he made good rules. He changed how people thought.

Jaylah Witherspoon
2nd Grade, Lincoln
Mrs. Bolonski

My Sister

Would you like to know why my sister is important to me? She is there for me when I need her. She helps me when I have a question. She will help me when I am down. I'm so happy she is in my life.

Kameron Lewis-Lesher

3rd Grade, Lincoln

Mrs. Duncan

Do you know who the most important person in my life is? My Poppop. He takes care of me. He makes sure I'm safe. He is important because he was in the army and he was also a firefighter. He helps everyone, so he's important to you too. He loves me. Every time he walks through the door he gets in a hugging position and waits until I give him a big bear hug attack. That is all about why my Poppop is the most important person in my life.

Reagan Culbreath
Grade 4, Lincoln
Ms. Wampole

My Brother

There are a lot of important people in my life, however my brother is one of the most important people to me for many reasons. My brother is one of the most important people in my life because he is very caring, helpful, and active.

My awesome brother is important to me because he is caring! My brother puts others first before ever thinking of himself, and whenever he is going somewhere he asks everyone if they would like to come too. My brother also offers to buy stuff for people when he goes to the store if he is able to.

Another reason my brother is important to me is because he's helpful. My brother helps me with challenging homework whenever I need it! He also cooks tasty food for my family and when no one else will cook.

Lastly, my brother is important to me because he is active. My brother is in Band, along with Jazz Band. He also does musicals at the Pottstown Senior High School every year, and this year my brother is in *Shrek: the Musical* playing the role of Shrek himself.

In conclusion, my brother is very special to me because he is caring, helpful, and active. I am very happy and proud to be his little sister!

**Rupert Elementary
McDonald's Contest winners
2021-2022**

5k - Anaya Newman

1st - Penny Francisco

2nd - Sasha Goodridge

3rd - Francis Powell

4th - Eva Lamperez

Anaya Newman
Kindergarten, Rupert
Mrs. Gresko

My grandma is important because she takes me to school.

Penny Francisco
1st Grade, Rupert
Mrs. Burkheimer

Miss Michelle is an important person I know.
Miss Michelle is important because she helps me
move my arm. Miss Michelle makes me stronger.

Sasha Goodridge
2nd Grade, Rupert
Ms. Bauman

Mom and Dad are important people I know. My mom and dad are important people because they love me. My mom and dad are important people because they see the nice in me.

Francis Powell
3rd Grade, Rupert
Mr. Parris

A person that is important to me is Jace. Jace loves video games. Jace has funny jokes. He has blackish hair. He is short and white. He wears glasses and cool t-shirts. He has 25 plushies. He has five yo-yos. Jace is important to me because he opened my eyes to the world. He helped me figure out how to get more friends and how to keep those friends. Jace will help anyone, even a bully. We have the same mindset and we think alike most of the time. Jace is a good friend, that is why he is important to me.

Eva Lamperez
4th grade, Rupert
Ms. Hogan

An important person I know is Ryan Stillwell. Ryan is important because he makes people happy, he is funny, and I wish the best for him all the time. He is very important to me. There are many other reasons Ryan is very important.

Ryan always cheers me up when I am sad. One time I was sad, and then, I remembered one of Ryan's jokes and laughed. Ryan also makes me happy when he shows me funny videos. Ryan will always be the best person to make me laugh. Ryan is important because he makes people cheerful like him.

Ryan is helpful and nice to people and he is a good role-model. When we are watching videos and I get confused, he explains it to me. When we were playing Minecraft and I died he gave me my stuff right back. When we were playing at the playground, a car pulled up and Ryan told us we were going home. Ryan is important because he helps me a lot.

Ryan is super funny and fun to hangout with. When we were playing a game the other day, he made a really funny joke and we laughed our heads off. When we are bored we play funny and fun games on Roblox. Sometimes we sit down and hangout and tell each other what happened in school. Ryan is important because I enjoy hanging out with him.

An important person I know is Ryan Stillwell. Ryan is always nice. Ryan makes people happy. Ryan is super funny. Ryan is really important.

Pottstown Middle School
McDonald's Contest winners
2021-2022

5th - Aiden Ondik

6th - Ana Vasquez-Hernandez

7th - Tara Guyer

8th - Ce-Bre Solomon

Aiden Ondik
5th Grade, PMS
Mrs. Wilson

My Awesome Dad

There is a person in the world named David Ondik, but you can call him Dave. There is only one reason why I know him, and it's because he's my dad! He is important to me, and there are many reasons why, but I will get into those things later. For now, let's just talk about things about him.

First, let's talk about his traits. He has no hair because he shaved it off years ago. He has a beard, mustache, and green-ish eyes. He is about 5'10" and weighs about 160 pounds. He is so tall, he can touch the ceiling!

Next, let's discuss his occupation. He works as a Safety Manager for the northeast region of the USA for the company named "Estes". He has been working for that company for seventeen years. He used to be a tractor trailer driver! It took some real dedication to get where he is now.

Now, let's talk about what he does for entertainment. He rides his motorcycle with me sometimes. When we ride the motorcycle, we usually go on short rides: somewhere like my mom's house or somewhere around town. Every year there is an hour-long ride that we go on for something that is called "Biker's Breakfast". I think you can figure out what that means. He watches television with our dog. Our dog usually falls asleep though because my dad pets him all the time. He plays with our kittens, Twixie and Oreo. They run around the house and try running away from us. They also climb on the dining room table and almost knock everything down.

Now we can talk about all of the reasons why he is important to me. Of course, one of the reasons why is because he is my dad. Another reason is, he takes me places where I want to go. Some of the places he has taken me before are Virginia, the Pocono Mountains, New York, and many more places. He also lets me do things that I like to do. Some of these activities are riding my dirtbike, playing video games, and watching Netflix. He lets me do all of those things, and that is another reason why he is important to me. One more reason is because he tries to change things for me when I don't like something. One of the things he is trying to change for me is my room at his house. My room is small, has a really tiny basement window, and no air conditioning. He is looking to change that one day and expand my room, give me a bigger window, and probably give me air conditioning.

My dad is a really special person to me in many ways and for many reasons. I only listed a few. I could go on and on forever naming all of the reasons why he is special but that would take too long. Long story short, there are many more reasons why he is important to me.

Ana Vasquez-Hernandez

6th Grade, PMS

Mrs. Pasquale

An Important Person...

An important person I know is my mom. The reason she is very important to me is she is a single mom raising my talkative self and my crazy little sister. If I could, I would give her the entire world. I could honestly give one hundred reasons why my mom is very important to me, but I will only give a few.

Reason number one is that she works hard every day. Even when she's tired from work, she still helps us with things we don't understand. Reason number two is when we cry, she tries her best to take care of us, and when we are sick, she takes off a day of work just to make sure the next day we wake up nice and healthy. The third reason is that after she goes grocery shopping, she still buys us a little snack or toy just to put a smile on our faces.

My mom goes above and beyond just being a regular parent. She reminds us that she loves us everyday, not just by her words, but by her actions. This is why my mom is very important to me, but most of all, I love her.

Tara Guyer
7th Grade, PMS
Mrs. Butler

A family isn't always perfect...Or can it be? No there's no perfect family. An important person I know is my Dad. He helps me. He taught me how to start a campfire. He is one of my favorite people.

My dad is a good cook. He helps me with cooking. My Dad has helped me with many things including learning how to cook on a stove. When I was younger, I wanted to make breakfast for my Dad but I didn't know how to cook, so I decided to ask him "How do I cook on a stove?" He said, "follow me into the kitchen and I will show you how to cook." He grabbed a pan and some eggs from the fridge. Then he showed me how to make eggs. He has made a lot of food on the grill before. He has made chicken, hotdogs, etc. He has also made T-bone steak on the grill. He has also made a lot of food for cookouts and other events.

My Dad enjoys being outdoors. He also taught me how to make a campfire. When I was a lot younger, my family and I would go camping at this campsite. We had a camper that was pretty big. We went over to someone else's camper and we had a cookout and a bonfire. My dad ended up showing me how to start the fire and he let me watch him grill some of the food we brought over.

A few years ago, we got the big tents out of the basement and put them up in the yard. My brothers also came out of the house and were hanging out. We all made a campfire near the tents. We got some sticks and made s'mores and hot dogs. When the sun began to set, we all decided to sleep in the tents for the night.

There are certain people we naturally connect with. My Dad is one of those people I am drawn to. He is one of my favorite people. My dad is one of my favorite people and the particular reason for my statement is he has helped me with a lot of stuff that I needed help with. One of the things he has helped me with is building stuff. A few months ago, I needed a new chair for my room because all of my chairs were too short and couldn't reach my desk. So I went up to my Dad's house and asked him if he could help me with building the chair, He agreed. He got some wood and an old chair he found in someone's garbage. So we began to build the chair for my desk. After we finished building, we painted the chair purple and blue. It looked really cool. We then added a cushion to the chair. The chair ended up looking really cool. He helps me with a lot of stuff like this and this is why he is one of my favorite people.

There isn't always a perfect family, but we should take the time to appreciate the people and family we have in our life because it may one day come to an end. We should all take an effort to be thankful for everything we have. My Dad has helped me through many struggles in life. I would also like to thank him for that. He has cared about me my whole life and has gotten me many gifts and anything else I needed throughout my life. He has protected me throughout my whole life and I am very thankful that I get to spend time with him. Maybe you should take some time to appreciate the important things in life because someday they may come to an end.

Ce-Bre Solomon
8th Grade, PMS
Miss DiGuiseppe

Who makes you the best version of yourself? When you are sad, who is the first person you can turn to? For me, that's my best friend. She helped me thrive when I felt like giving up. She made me improve myself in various ways. She made me change my mindset and my perspective on this world.

Many days I am happy, but sometimes you need someone to be there for you through the hardest times. Honestly, everyone's life isn't perfect. Moreover, when that time comes you want someone who really understands you to help you through it in a loving way. For instance, one day I was mad because my dad was yelling at me for something my brother did, I was angry. I walked out the house and went to my best friend, Alexis' house. I got there and she looked at me, I just sat on her bed. I knew she could tell my vibe was off. She hugged me tight and said "Are you okay?" and "What's wrong?" and I just said there. Finally, the words came out of my mouth and I explained to her what happened and she told me "It's okay, everything will be alright." and she hugged me. Then she put on some music, lustru. I felt at peace as I drifted off to sleep.

She helped me improve myself in various ways. When I was younger, I was bad. I used to fight all the time. I used to listen to rumors and cared about them. I didn't know how to ignore people. I cared about other people's thoughts and feelings about me. She taught me how to ignore it and she told me that school is important. Recently I got into a fight with someone. Before I told anyone I promised myself not to fight again. I don't wanna get into any bad habits or even situations. Also, I want to go to college and I want to accomplish more than my family members. Also, I gotta admit my mistakes because that was out of character for me. So I decided to apologize to the girl I fought with. My old self wouldn't be able to admit their mistakes. I would probably brag about it if I didn't change myself. I'm happy about the person my best friend is making me become.

This made me see the world differently. I honestly used to view this world as trouble. Now, I see it's only drama if you involve yourself in it. You can make your life peaceful and that's what Alexis taught me. She taught me to be myself because in this world everyone will judge you and you can only judge yourself. She told me not to care about her opinions on things or even other people's opinions, it's only what I want or I'm happy with. She taught me YOLO (you only live once). My best friend allowed me to see the world from a different perspective. We meditate sometimes. Connecting our minds. We believe we are twin flames. I used to not care at all about nature or spiritual stuff but my best friend, Alexis showed me. She made me spiritual, love nature and be free. Now, I don't litter. Sometimes when I'm mad I walk out to this park, an empty park. It's so beautiful. Flowers springing up, the beautiful healthy green grass. When I go there I feel comfortable with no care in the world. Like I'm in control. I love it. I wanna take Alexis there in the summer. We can have a picnic. Definitely have some nature cereal. Then after we eat, we can watch a movie. Then run free and explore.

In conclusion, you need a best friend to tell you when you're right or wrong. A best friend that will help you correct your errors and make you the best version of yourself. Someone who helps you through hard times. Someone who you won't hesitate to share your feelings with. Someone who understands you and someone who will always have a place in your heart. Just like Alexis, my best friend.

CONGRATULATIONS
to all the winners!



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