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The “drum major” is the leader of the band. He/she holds the band together and is responsible for keeping its members in order, organized and structured. (*Source: Wikipedia*)

My family set standards for me early on in life. Those standards include my being a leader and not a follower, a mediator and not an instigator, a young man who speaks out freely for what is right.

Peace is a state of being. It is non-violent, kind, loving and caring. Peace is knowing that you and your family can live life feeling safe and secure. I have always been told that you should treat others as you would like to be treated. What a wonderful world we would live in if everyone followed that motto. Sometimes this may mean turning the other cheek. Although this may be a hard task for my generation, I am happy that many schools have implemented the “non-bullying” policy and are talking more about this issue.

I always speak out if and when I hear or see someone mistreating another person. No one deserves to be intimidated, singled out or harmed in any way. We are all different in some way or another and that is fine. The world would be boring if everyone were the same. We need to embrace each other’s differences, whether it is race, sex, nationality or religion, and learn from each other. How can you hate something that you know nothing about?

Righteousness is a quality that I continually strive for. To be righteous is to be honest, fair, moral and respectable. All of these qualities represent a true man for me. I am proud to say that I come from a long lineage of righteous men. My dad, grandfather, and great grandfather all possess this attribute and have made it their life mission to make sure that I continue in their footsteps.

This is my first year at Greenview Elementary and I have taken on quite a few roles. I am president of student council and I am also in several other school organizations. I believe that if you want to make a difference, you have to be present at the forefront. You can’t complain about what’s not being done from the sideline. You must stand and be heard. That’s exactly what I plan to do in my newly elected positions.

Many people shy away from leadership roles for fear of failing. I live my life as a child of God and fully know that with Him by my side, all things are possible.

I respect Dr. Martin Luther King for his strong will and passion to never give up no matter how difficult the task. I will continue to live my life in a manner that gives honor to his legacy and builds on my own.

Drum Major Instinct

