True Grit Award

Definition: The student who demonstrates the most growth in perseverance, endurance, and resilience through optimism, creativity, and confidence to achieve a desired academic or nonacademic goal. Eligibility: Middle school students (6th - 8th grade)

Previous winners are not eligible

Award: During the first semester of the school year, the middle school student displaying the most grit based on the definition above, as determined by their respective school counselors, will receive a personalized certificate and \$100 at the January 14th, 2026 Lake Country Optimist Club meeting.

Winners will be selected by December 12th, 2025 or earlier If possible.

All winners are asked to say a few words at the January 14th meeting (at North Lake School) about their experience and how grit is helping them persevere. Please know this is not a requirement, just highly encouraged. We love hearing the success stories from the True Grit winners.

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Winners, please arrive at the school no later than 5:45 pm on Jan 14th. The meeting will be held in the library and will start promptly at 6:00 pm.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS AMAZING CELEBRATION