

IN THE MIDDLE: Students Recognized for Hard Work

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Many years ago, when Krueger had two teams of sixth grade students and two teams of seventh grade students, team 6b began honoring students for good behavior and grades each week. They eventually expanded this idea and began giving students an award called an honor tag. An honor tag looks like a military dog tag on a chain. Eventually, the whole school started participating in this tradition. Krueger still continues to do this, but the criteria has changed a bit.



To be invited to the honor tag ceremony, students have to get a minimum GPA of 3.2 or have all “A’s” and “B’s” in behavior on their report card. For every “A”, the student earns a bead to place on their

chain. There is a different color bead for each subject.

Recently, the number of beads a student can earn has been increased to include a bead for good attendance and beads for the new environmental classes at KMS. Students that achieve a 4.0 GPA also get a special bead to recognize this achievement. Parents and family members are invited to the honor tag celebration held once every 9 weeks, which is the length of a grading period.

In two years, a student could earn up to 88 beads if he or she achieves every bead possible. Every year students can earn a new honor tag that is a different color. This just one way Krueger recognizes students for their hard work.

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