

Jackson Copeland

Oakview Elementary
Bringing characters to life

Jackson Copeland can bring characters to life, but his greatest role comes in being a friend. Terri Wheeler-Hawkins, assistant principal at Oakview Elementary School, said Jackson is excited and engaged in the classroom and always willing to help others.

“He’s just a great all-around kid — very respectful,” Wheeler-Hawkins said. “He’s a wonderful role model.”

Jackson helps in the school’s media center as a library cadet.

“He did a phenomenal job in our school play,” Wheeler-Hawkins said.

Jackson took on the role of Augustus Gloop in “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.”

“I had a really good German accent and they had to stuff me with whatever is inside of a pillow,” Jackson said.

Although he said he might want to be a musician one day, Jackson has a variety of interests. He also plays basketball at his church, and he said he gets along well with his classmates and with adults.

Wheeler-Hawkins said Jackson can interact well with anyone, including adults. After Jackson’s mother lost her battle to cancer, Wheeler-Hawkins said she was most impressed to see Jackson draw on his own experience to help other students who were facing the same difficult path.

“Jackson has been a friend and role model to other students who have experienced the same grief,” she said. “Jackson and his dad have been a great team as they have helped with the play productions annually from stage sets, to acting and final production. We feel very lucky to have them in our community and all who know them are better for having been touched by their love.”

