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Walmart stores surprise two NCES teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week

North Charleston, S.C. - Walmart stores #1359 (7400 Rivers Avenue) and #3367 (4920 Centre Pointe Drive) surprised two unsuspecting North Charleston Elementary (NCES) teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. On Monday, May 5, 2025, NaToya Champion, Market Manager, Suzanne Cooper, Store Manager #1359, and Resley Ponvelle Jr., Store Manager #3367, bought packages that included classroom essentials, gift cards, snacks, a Walmart+ membership, and more.

The Walmart associates presented the gifts to Rejhava Wynn, a kindergarten through fifth grade Low Incidence Autism Assistant, and Jenae Graham, Kindergarten Assistant.

Wynn has been at NCES for one and a half years and works with the school's most vulnerable population. She is not only a staff member but also a mother of five. Two of her children attend NCES. According to Principal Melissa Brubaker, Wynn is "top tier" regarding parental involvement.

"She has a positive outlook each day and comes in ready to support her crew," said Brubaker. "She communicates well with the staff at NCES and with parents. We are grateful to have someone so loving with our students."

Graham has been at NCES for four years and is committed to providing her kindergarten students with a fun and fulfilling educational experience. She supports the lead teacher in the classroom and plans intentionally with the instructional coach. Brubaker said Graham goes above and beyond to ensure students grow.

"She has supported the scholars for many years and cannot wait to finish school to become a certified teacher," added Brubaker. "She has overcome many challenges yet continues to show up each day and give it her all!"

For more information, contact Principal Melisa Brubaker at (843) 745-7107.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.