



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: October 22, 2024

Dean Hacker and Jerry Guillory went the Extra Mile and up a ladder, warming hearts in October. Apple Glen Elementary mom Samantha Belhumeur nominated the two gentlemen from the facilities division after they rescued a bear from the school building's roof.

Samantha's son, a first grader at Apple Glen, joined his class in a pancake pajama party where they were invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal. Kayden's lovie, a stuffed bear, was extra special, because it once belonged to his dad.

The little bear, a climber of course, somehow made his way onto the Apple Glen roof. Mom Samantha emailed, asking for help, and it arrived in the way of Jerry and Dean. Jerry connected with Dean who was scheduled to do some HVAC work on the Apple Glen roof and the search crew was on its way.

The bear was found and returned to his family.

Dean and Jerry boast 57 years of combined service in Bentonville Schools. Dean said, "I care for the buildings as if they were on my own." They care for our families the same.

Please join us in congratulating Dean and Jerry for making Bentonville Schools where excellence lives.

About the Extra Mile Award

Any individual may nominate a Bentonville Schools employee by going to our [website](#). Nominations will be considered by administration and that employee's direct supervisor. Nomination rules and regulations will be posted on the website prior to the start of the nomination process.