



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: April 16, 2024

Amanda Hinds is a Lincoln Junior High science teacher and a veteran with more than two decades in the district. She was nominated by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Janet Schwanhausser who is also a Lincoln parent.

Recently, Amanda took the reins to make 2024 Eclipse America a memorable one for her students. She planned a Disco At The Eclipse event, calling it a DATE to remember. (See what she did there with the acronym.) Amanda arranged music, a scavenger hunt and made sure all students had viewing glasses to avoid A Panic At The Disco as she put it. As you might imagine, it was a hit.

Dr. Schwanhausser also shared that Amanda often sends messages to moms, dads and family members, encouraging them to stay strong on the parenting path. "I'm so impressed with her and how much she cares for students and their parents," Schwanhausser shared.

Amanda is known for an unwavering commitment to her students, especially young ladies who might struggle to balance schoolwork, social media and personal relationships. She has organized at school fitness sessions, cosmetology classes and is the queen of positive posts on Instagram. She shared with us, "I get the chance every day to build up the next generation, helping them to see their strengths."

Please join us in congratulating Amanda 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.