



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: October 21, 2025

Milana Hainline is a relative newcomer to Bentonville Schools, having worked in the district for three years. She serves as a third-grade teacher at Cooper Elementary where those who have observed her say she's a rising star.

Recently, she worked to bring *The Lion King* to life on stage and followed that up with a science unit on plant growth in space. Milana was able to secure the opportunity to teach that lesson with the 100th woman to travel in space, Emily Calandrelli, who is an American scientist and television presenter.

Lisa St. John, Executive Director of Elementary Education, took note of Milana's work at Cooper and knew she had to nominate Milana for the Extra Mile Award.

"Milana works to create a classroom setting that is fun but also inclusive of all her students. She cares about her kids, and it shows in her work each day."

Join us as we celebrate Milana Hainline.