



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: March 18, 2025

Elena Moore is our March Extra Mile Award recipient. She is a kindergarten teacher at Osage Creek Elementary School and was nominated for this recognition by Osage mom Carissa Henry.

In her nomination, Carissa shared that her six-year-old daughter, Haven, adores her teacher.

"My daughter absolutely loves Elena and looks forward to going to school because of her," Carissa wrote.

In October of last year, Haven's baby brother was born early and spent almost a month in the NICU. During that time, life was tumultuous as family members took turns caring for Haven so Carissa could be at the hospital with her new son.

Carissa told us, "Ms. Moore reassured me that Haven was in good hands at school, and she would help her stay on track." But Elena felt inclined to do more. Knowing that an extended stint in the NICU would mean added financial pressure, Elena decided to supplement the family's Christmas shopping by buying a number of gifts for Haven.

Elena found a Barbie set, a Disney character, board game and kinetic sand that she knew Haven would love, but she says it's Haven who is the actual gift.

"Haven comes to school every day ready to learn with a positive attitude. I'm so happy to have her in my class this year," Elena told us.

Join us in appreciating Elena Moore for going the Extra Mile for her students.