



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: June 17, 2025

Soma Majumdar is an instructional assistant at Apple Glen Elementary. Within her role, Soma does it all. She starts the day greeting students as they arrive to school, covers lunch duty and recess and offers critical classroom support.

Emily Trolinger who nominated Soma for the Extra Mile award said, "She's never sitting. She's always working hard to help students."

Before the summer break, Soma was covering her usual tasks in the lunchroom when she noticed a second grader struggling to breathe. Without hesitation, she jumped in and successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on the choking child. Soma was the right person at the right time as she is every day at Apple Glen.

Soma told us she first joined Bentonville Schools to better help her children learn but says she has learned so much more than she thought possible.

"I feel content and confident when I see a reluctant student coming around or receive an unexpected note and hug," she said.

"I feel blessed to be a part of the Bentonville Schools' family."

It's our honor to celebrate Soma with the Extra Mile Award.