



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
Date: May 18, 2021
RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Jim Christman is the Extra Mile Award Recipient in the month of May. Jim is a transportation driver in Bentonville Schools and has been for the last six years. Chelsea Rustad, a mom to six children, nominated Mr. Jim, as her family calls him, for this recognition because of his Extra Mile service on bus 43. Not long ago, Mr. Jim parked his empty bus outside the Rustad home after a long afternoon on his route. Her son, a first grader Emmett, unknowingly left his Chromebook in his seat. Mr. Jim took the time to run it by "just in case Emmett had homework," he said.

More than that, Chelsea says Jim keeps students in line while showering them with love. It's been a wild year behind the wheel for our transportation division. Extra cleaning, hand sanitizer, seating charts. Despite it all, our drivers have kept us rolling and continue to demonstrate the Extra Mile mentality.

Please join us in appreciating professional driver Jim Christman.

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.