



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: November 15, 2022

Sarah Tucker is our Extra Mile Award recipient for the month of November. Sarah is a teacher at Willowbrook Elementary and has been with Bentonville Schools for 13 years. She was nominated by a father from Willowbrook who wrote to us about what could've been a scary incident on Halloween but ended well thanks to Sarah's patience with his son. That dad, Jeff Pryor, wrote, "Recently, my son and his class were allowed to wear their Halloween costumes to their fall party. When my son arrived at school, he discovered his inflatable costume wasn't working. In the best possible scenario, this would have been a full meltdown for our third grader. However, Ms. Tucker didn't tell my son to deal with it or too bad – which admittedly may have been my response. Rather, she took the time to address my son's disappointment and find a way forward. She first looked at another student's inflatable to determine the issue. When she couldn't troubleshoot on her own, she called my wife."

He added Sarah had formed a relationship with their family long before that day which made it easy for the group to quickly get on the same page. Ultimately, the costume was inflated and crisis averted. "Sarah," he said, "is simply an excellent human being."

The Pryor family said teachers are often measured by their test scores, but they will remember Sarah for her kindness to their son.

Join us in congratulating our November Extra Mile Award recipient, Sarah Tucker.

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.