

2026 YOU MATTER AWARD WINNER



Kirsten Lawson



Belmont Hills Elementary School



Ms. Lawson is doing things everyday to make each student cared for and seen. In small ways like she emailed the day that [my child] was absent that several kids said "we miss [name]" She didn't need to share those thoughts, but they mean the world to him and to us as parents.

She has made us calendars with our kids' art work and pictures that I will treasure forever. She made two crafts for the holidays which I will also treasure forever. One with a silhouette of his head and the other a new years ornament with his picture.

She also comes to the birthday parties when we invite the whole class.

He now has a love for school, a love for his fellow students, and they are like a family in his classroom. They had a movie night where all the students and families were invited to watch the book they had read. She also gave everyone a copy of the book with a message inside.

She sends an email at the end of the week to let us know a recap of the week with questions to ask and help us engage. Also she has helped connect the families with each other so once a month there is an afterschool playdate at a playground and even in the winter we got together at the firehouse in Narberth to have game night with pizza. She really goes above and beyond and we are so lucky and grateful for Ms. Lawson!



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