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WHAT OUTSTANDING WORK (W.O.W.) AWARD

Danielle Horton Caywood Elementary

I would like to nominate Danielle Horton a fourth grade teacher at Caywood Elementary for a WOW Award. As the school year comes closer to ending, on Thursday May 24, (about 45 instructional hours remaining), Ms. Horton brought cupcakes in for the class to help celebrate one of her student's birthday. Ms. Horton knows that this student has a challenging home life and that helping the student celebrate her birthday with her classmates just might brighten her special day. Ms. Horton knows that most ALL elementary teachers go above and beyond to provide a special moment in time for their students. What Ms. Horton doesn't want anyone to know is that this student is not very fond of her. This student has called Ms. Horton names (repeatedly), has been rude to her and has been a challenge all year. Ms. Horton could have let the day come and go with no fanfare or any extra input knowing no one would have noticed. Ms. Horton knows that this act of kindness may not be understood by this fourth grader until later in life. Ms. Horton wanted this fourth grader to have something positive to take with her; to remember this school year and the hard work all the teachers have put in to help not only this student but all the students. Way to go Ms. Horton !!

<u>Stephanie Taylor</u> Beechgrove Elementary

I would like to nominate my son's special education teacher Stephanie Taylor at Beechgrove Elementary School for her wonderful teaching. She has helped my son to become the type of student that he was meant to be. She has helped him control his problem behaviors and excel in a numerous different subjects. She has also spent numerous hours answering my questions and making sure that I always have the information that Children's Hospital requests from me long before it is due. She went above and beyond to help get the teachers involved in providing me with a daily behavior notebook to keep up with problem behaviors that my son might have had on a given day. She is absolutely amazing and we are so thankful to have her as our son's special education teacher. I don't feel that this school year would have gone as easy as it has if she wasn't fully involved in the process! She takes pride in the students that she helps, as she was as excited about my son's report card as I was! And in the beginning of the school year provided me with not only her email address, but also her cell phone number in case I needed to reach her quickly about any issues. She is making a true difference! Anyone who can help make the lives of special education parents' better and make the student's better deserves to be acknowledged.

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