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Kindergarten Class Earns 3R's Flag for December

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Kindergarten Class Earns 3R's Flag for December at Southwest Elementary School - ShowMe Times

Dexter, Missouri - Mrs. Mason's kindergarten classroom earned the Southwest Elementary Positive Behavioral Support Reward Flag for December.

School Wide Positive Behavioral Support (SWPBS) award is presented at the start of each month at Southwest Elementary. One classroom in each grade is recognized for exhibiting the high character with regard to observing the school's 3R's.

The 3R's stand for being Respectful, Ready to Learn and Responsible. The class with the highest attendance average, combined with the fewest disciplinary measures and general good character are awarded a 3R red flag to be posted in their classroom for the next month. The students are also awarded "superhero" capes to wear and parade around the gym before returning to class.

Shown in the photo are (back row from left to right) - Caydee Johnson, Wade Duty, Noah Tinnin, Nolan Phillips, Emily Kennedy, Alyssa Moore, Ethan Davis, and William Overton. (Front row from left to right) - Kaylin Myers, Jaycie march, Brody McFaddin, Emilynn LeGrand, Rebecca Holt, Sarah Farmer, Ashton Holden, Angelina Wilkerson, and Kale Midgett.

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Reid Kirkley Earns Positive Office Referral Award

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Reid Kirkley Earns Positive Office Referral Award

Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors Reid Kirkley with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Reid was nominated by Mrs. Lambert and is in the first grade. He also received a certificate, a golden loop, and a free taco from Taco Bell.

"Reid ALWAYS helps the kid that needs a partner, or is left out or is sad. He is also very patient with students that do not follow the classroom rules," commented Mrs. Lambert.

He is the son of Brad and Michelle Kirkley.

Congratulations Reid Kirkley!

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Logan Reed Earns Positive Office Referral

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Logan Reed Earns Positive Office Referral at Southwest Elementary

Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors Logan Reed with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Logan was nominated by Mrs. Sarah Jarrell. He is in the 2nd grade and his teacher is Mrs. Massey. He also received a certificate, a golden loop, and a free taco from Taco Bell.

"Logan comes to class with his folder and is always working hard," commented Mrs. Jarrell.

He is the son of David and Kristi Reed.

Congratulations Logan Reed!

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Teacher Words Matter

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - A student wrote a heartfelt essay about her school janitor and won \$500 plus an all-expense paid trip for the pair to attend the Missouri High School Football Championship in St. Louis.

Poplar Bluff High School junior Katie Huskey and long-time custodian Jan Ethridge enjoyed the Fort Osage versus Chaminade game together on Saturday, Nov. 28, receiving on-the-field recognition and a behind-the-scenes tour of Edward Jones Dome.

Huskey said she chose Ethridge in the Missouri National Education Association-sponsored writing contest, Teacher Words Matter, because of the custodian's welcoming smile and positive influence on the lives of cohorts of high schoolers

"It's not big things that matter. She inspires us to do little things every day," Huskey said of Ethridge. "Her job title is technically custodian, but that's not why she comes to work every day."

Ethridge, who has been employed by the R-I school district for 17 years, explained that students seem to confide in her, so she takes it upon herself to offer them some guidance.

"It's me being a Christian. This is my training field," Ethridge stated. "Just saying 'Hi' to a child, you would be surprised how it brightens their day."

Top photo: Katie Huskey (left) is pictured in the counseling office with her inspiration, Jan Ethridge, affectionately known as Miss Jan. Bottom photo: One of ten contest winners, Katie Huskey (second from the right) gets recognized during halftime at the Edward Jones Dome.

Photos and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Coordinator of Poplar Bluff R-I School District.

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Ava Schaefer Receives Positive Office Referral Award

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Ava Schaefer Receives Positive Office Referral Award

Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors Ava Schaefer with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Ava was nominated by her second grade teacher Mrs. Massey and her classmates. She also received a certificate, a golden loop, and a free taco from Taco Bell.

Mrs. Massey said, "Ava is always willing to help me or her peers out! She is a wonderful student."

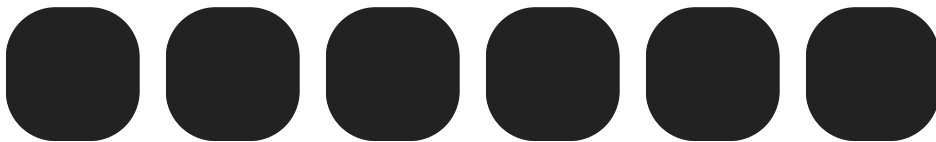
Ava is the daughter of Adam and Nicole Schaefer.

Congratulations Ava Schaefer!

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