



Sand Ridge Junior High

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To Whom It May Concern:

This school year I have had the honor of working with one of the most dedicated teams I've seen. I nominate the Sand Ridge Junior High Life Skills Paraeducators for the E+ team award.

It takes special people to care for our students with the most need. While there are numerous intrinsic rewards for the work they do, it also requires a lot of patience, understanding and love. Our team of paras work tirelessly to give each student the targeted attention they need in the classroom while also helping them to enjoy school's many joys outside of the classroom.

Recently, our team of paras worked together to arrange the experience of a lifetime for one of their students. Ian is a boy who LOVES basketball. He can often be seen watching basketball related content, giving his own play-by-play as he moves around the space and shoots at their classroom hoop, and asking to go to the gym to play. To reward him for his improved behavior and to also help him experience something new, they arranged for Ian to be a member of our school basketball team for a day. He dressed and got into the game versus Rocky Mountain and made 2 baskets! These incredible paras also contacted the news to help the state to see what amazing kids we have at Sand Ridge to celebrate Ian's big day. It goes without saying that Ian's favorite thing to watch right now is his own news story. This could not have been accomplished without the work done by our team that goes above and beyond their job description.

Their job is one that does not get enough recognition for what difficulties they face. On any given day they can be seen comforting a crying student, teaching a non-verbal student to communicate with a tablet that will speak for the student, chasing a student who has decided they would rather be anywhere except inside the building, and celebrating with their students as they conquer their individual mountains. No two days are alike! Still these miracle workers show up with smiles on their faces and love in their hearts. It is for these reasons along with countless others that I respectfully nominate our team of paraeducators for the E+ Team award.

Sincerely,

Quinn Talbot
Principal