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Memorial Elementary School Special Education Team Leader Honored by Office Max



Memorial Elementary was proud to honor one its highest quality teachers on October 2. Office Max contacted campus principals in August with their campaign called “A Day Made Better,” in which they were determined to recognize teachers who are making a difference in the lives of kids.

Reggi Smith, Special Education Teacher & Team Leader at Memorial Elementary, was nominated by Wendy DeSpain, her principal, and she was selected by Office Max for recognition.

On October 2, a surprise assembly was conducted at Memorial that honored Ms. Smith. Office Max of McKinney generously donated boxes of teaching supplies, a printer, a digital camera, a rolling cart and a new office chair for Ms. Smith. Memorial added to the celebration by declaring October 2 as Reggi Smith Day, and noting it with special treats for her all day and a week of a front row parking place. “She was surprised, elated, thankful, and full of joy,” reported Ms. DeSpain. “Her family, in addition to her teaching team and students were present to share in her honorary recognition.”

“Memorial Elementary wishes to express great gratitude to Office Max for helping to support teachers and education through its new campaign,” continued Ms. DeSpain. “Teachers hold honors such as this quite dear, and this kind of recognition buoys spirits, validates long hours, reenergizes minds, and retains quality individuals.” There are many educators within Memorial and across Plano ISD that deserve special notice, but we are thankful that Office Max helped us start with one special person at Memorial Elementary.”

Reggi Smith, Special Education Teacher & Team Leader, is pictured with (back row, l-r) Tim Merideth, Matt Line, Alba Hatcher-Office Max store 1255 employees, Wendy DeSpain-Principal.

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