

Student Service Award

April 2026

Student: Za'Layah Lankford
Grade: 5th
School: Magruder Elementary School
Principal: Lisa Ruffieux
Guidance Director:

Za'Layah is a wonderful Panther Cub who consistently goes above and beyond to make a positive impact in our school and community. She helps keep our classrooms running smoothly through her outstanding citizenship and leadership. Paraprofessionals, resource teachers, and other support staff often share how grateful they are for the way Za'Layah leads by example and supports others.

Za'Layah is also a dedicated member of our Creative Writing Club, faithfully attending meetings each week throughout the entire school year. She demonstrates both perseverance and creativity. In addition, Za'Layah volunteers weekly by reading to our preschool students and working with them to support their social, emotional, and academic growth.

Beyond the classroom, Za'Layah participates in competitive cheer, where she excels as a tumbler, base, and back spot. Most importantly, she is a true team player who consistently encourages and builds up those around her.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have Za'Layah as a Panther Cub since kindergarten, and we eagerly look forward to seeing all of her future accomplishments as she continues her journey at Queens Lake Middle School.