



For Immediate Release: January 11, 2021

Student Lead Project will Recognize Teachers

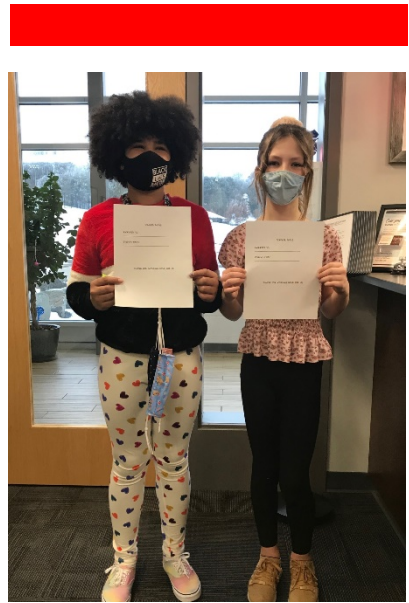
Spearheaded by Brianna Bodway and Jameilla Christopher, 5th graders at Altoona Intermediate School, AIS 4-5 students have a new way to recognize their teachers and influence positivity.

The girls put their heads together and came up with the idea of Teacher Bucks as a way that students can reward their teachers. As one of the next steps, the girls pitched the idea to their school counselor, Brooke Kaldor and then to AIS principal, Andrea Steffen.

*"How incredibly sweet this idea is! I can't wait to see what the teachers will be able to turn their Teacher Bucks in for."
Ms. Steffen*

Last Thursday, the girls passed out 20 Teacher Bucks to each classroom. Students can grab a Buck when they want to recognize their teacher working really hard or being especially kind, turn it in to the office, and after the teacher is recognized with an announcement, they can exchange their buck for a reward.

The girls hope that this project makes everyone pay more attention to how their actions impact their teachers, fellow students and their classrooms.



"It started when we realized how hard the teachers were working. I think one day in particular we noticed our class was being kinda disrespectful. We were starting a new lesson, and I knew we needed to do something for our teachers," said Brianna (on right).

"I saved up my own money to go to the Dollar Store and buy rewards to get this project started," said Jameilla (on left).

###

Joyce Orth, Communications Coordinator
School District of Altoona
jorth@altoona.k12.wi.us · 715-839-6032