

North Boone

Community Unit School District 200

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Walmart Rewards NBMS/UE Teachers

Surprising a group of school teachers can be a tricky proposition, but Walmart did just that at North Boone Middle School on Friday, October 24. The big-box retailer in Belvidere let the cat out of the bag when it awarded 20 teachers with \$50 reward cards to purchase classroom supplies as part of its Teacher Rewards program. Manager Mick Woods and HR Manager Kathy Kasprzycki, both with Walmart, presented each teacher with a reward card and goody bag during the celebration with all 500 students. Students cheered wildly as teachers' names were randomly picked in a drawing. The following teachers were selected: Ryan Kelley, Jean Perkins, Renee Roen, Heidi Surratt, Kellie Townsend, Julia Paun, Maria Cuda, Dana Rosenquist, Matt Brinkmeier, Katharine Doering, Ashley Boyer, Eileen Moran, Linnea Lerch, Mike Wesbecher, Brenda Kamholz, Mike Ross, Ashley Doetch, Laurie Deno and Elaine Ahrens.

NBMS/NBUE Principal Lindsay Abbeduto said she was notified a couple of weeks ago that the store had selected the school as the recipient of its Teacher Rewards Program. In addition to the rewards for the 20 teachers, the representatives from Walmart brought a large tray of cupcakes with North Boone decorations for staff. "It's a nice way to end the day," Assistant principal Matt Klett said.



The Walmart Teacher Reward program is designed to offset the money that teachers spend out of their own pockets for classroom supplies during the school year. This year, the fifth annual Teacher Rewards program will provide 4.5 million dollars to 90,000 teachers across the United States. "We know that these teachers care for our children and treat them as our own, so it was an honor to be able to give back to them as they help mold our children into future leaders," said Kasprzycki of Walmart.

It was a great time overall with cake and refreshments as part of the celebration for the teachers of North Boone Middle School and Upper Elementary. All of the teachers were very excited and appreciative of the event. Walmart looks forward to continuing the Teacher Rewards Celebration, and appreciating the many sacrifices of our teachers on a daily basis.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1700 students in pre-school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For more information visit the NBCUSD website at www.nbcusd.org or contact the district office at 815-765-3322. For future information, you can follow North Boone on Twitter at www.twitter.com/NBCUSD200.