



The Spirit of Thanksgiving

The campus of James Matthews would like to thank Erian Kirkin for his contribution to the families of James Matthews during the Thanksgiving season. Erian is now a fifth grade student at Robert Morehead Middle School in the Dollarway School District. Although he has transitioned to another campus within the district he is continuing to make his mark on James Matthews and families in the Dollarway School District through his wonderful efforts. Erian was blessed with a number of gifts for his birthday and the compassion in his

heart for others prompted him to ask if he could take some of his gifts and give back to the community. Erian orchestrated and held a Thanksgiving Drive prior to Thanksgiving break with the support of his loving family. His efforts impacted four families during the Thanksgiving Season. The families received boxes of food items to support breakfast, lunch and dinner meals for multiple days, and a \$25.00 VISA gift card to purchase meats or other items of their choice to support their meal. The families were forever grateful for the meal donation. Equally, James Matthews is enormously proud of Erian's effort and the impact he has on the Dollarway community. Erian was a part of the first cohort of students to be a part of the Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports Initiative at James Matthews. We often say to students our behavior expectations are not just good for James Matthews, they are good for wherever you go. Erian is proof leading with love can have a lasting impact. We are so grateful he thought of the families of James Matthews during this time. We are equally proud of his growth and excited to see his works impact the future. His efforts are simply beautiful!

