

My niece, Keyana Washington, is in the 5th grade at **Russell Cave Elementary**. She is currently a patient at Shriners Hospital due to her having a hip replacement surgery scheduled. However, during surgery it was discovered she didn't need to have the replacement and with a stay in the hospital for a few weeks, she should be able to go home and possibly go back to school. **Mrs. Betsy Rutherford**- Principal, **Mrs. Jo Durham**-5th, **Mr. Michael Murphy**-5th, **Mrs. Aquila Rayan**-assistant, **Ms. Julie Jones**-4th and **Ms. Sadie Jackson**-4th grade teachers showed up to visit my niece instead of attending a regular scheduled meeting. Some of them continue to visit her weekly. The staff is very accommodating to my niece during her state of debilitation in and out of school. They have made sure she has felt inclusive of all activities and comfortable as possible. I appreciate the fact they cared enough to go above the normal call of duty. Keyana is one of many students at the school but they ensured she knew she mattered to them and what she was going through. I truly appreciate their efforts in and out of the classroom. Thank you!

Submitted by:

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