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Kind, compassionate, and driven. Those are just a few of the words used to describe Audrey, a remarkable 5th-grade student at Woodward Elementary School and a shining example of what it means to be an Always In For Kids ambassador. The ambassador role highlights a student who is seen as a positive role model among their peers and Audrey is an amazing example of this. Audrey's days are filled with activity, whether she's helping others, participating in school programs, or finding new ways to connect with her community. Through her involvement with Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo (CIS), Audrey has not only grown emotionally and academically but has also found a way to amplify her naturally generous spirit.

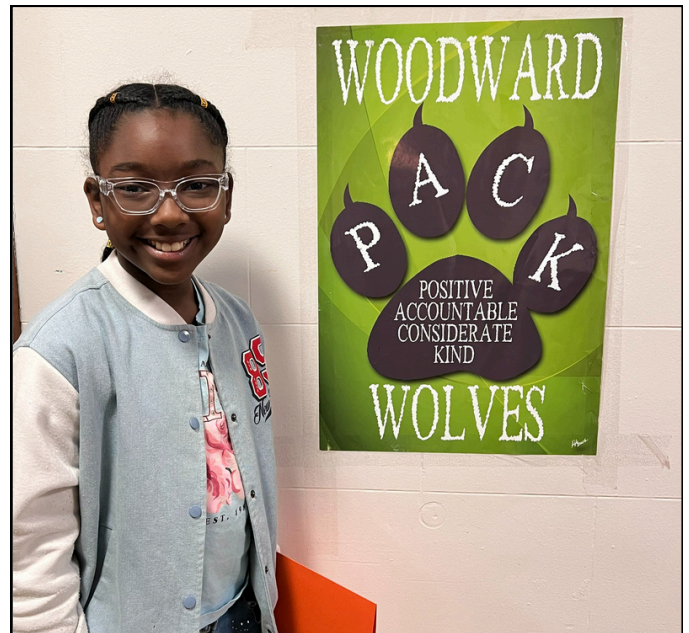
Audrey's relationship with CIS has been a transformative part of her life. She credits her Site Coordinator, Ms. DeWaele, for showing her the importance of expressing her emotions and reminding her that it's okay to ask for help. "She's been such a big part of helping me, whether it's with homework or just having someone to talk to," Audrey says.

Her participation in CIS not only builds her academic and interpersonal skills but also strengthens her connection to others, both in her school and the community.

“ I JUST WANT PEOPLE TO
FEEL HAPPY AND SAFE.
-AUDREY ”

In addition to her involvement in CIS at Woodward Elementary, she partakes in extracurriculars outside of CIS such as Girls on the Run [a weekly club that inspires girls of all abilities to embrace their strength and enhance physical skills], Global Reading Club [a club where they read books at different schools to compete on knowledge of the books they've read], and more.

Outside of school, Audrey enjoys the simple joys of spending time with her family, baking, and enjoying winter break traditions like making ugly Christmas cookies. These moments of fun and relaxation fuel her drive to be her best self in every area of life.



For Audrey, being a leader isn't just about excelling in school. It's also about making a positive impact on those around her. Audrey enjoys volunteering and giving at places like the Children's Place, where she donates toys and books to children. She lights up when she is talking about the joy that she feels when helping others, whether it's at home, in school, or in the community.

One of the most striking aspects of Audrey's personality is her deep sense of empathy. She believes that kindness has the power to change the world, and this sense of purpose is also related in her favorite quote by Amanda Gorman, "Always treat people how you would want to be treated." She dreams of a future where she can make meaningful changes, such as stronger gun laws to create safer spaces for everyone.

As she looks ahead, Audrey remains focused on her big dreams. She aspires to study law one day and hopes to encourage others to embrace kindness and positivity along the way. "People aren't always going to like you, but you should always love yourself," she says, reflecting the wisdom and maturity that make her such a powerful role model for her peers.

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