The Above and Beyond 'Thunder Clap' Recognition for the Week of November 27th:

Mailah Xiong



Hometown Pride: "I'm proud to be part of the OF community because we can rely on each other."

Bleacher Report (activities):

Clubs: Above and Beyond, Speech Team, Hope Squad, Musical

Thunder Role:

"It is good to be a good role model so people won't make the worst decisions and won't be weird (in a bad way)."

Topic Thunder:

"If you enjoy what you're doing outside of school, I suggest not ruining that opportunity and privilege you have with drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. You're ruining your health and fun in life."

Scouting Report (quotes from teachers):

"Mailah is such a cool cat. She is talented, funny, bright, and genuine. She absolutely rocks in Spanish class and is always willing to help out her peers. I enjoy seeing her and talking to her each day! – Mrs. Velasquez

"I really appreciate and enjoy both Mailah's sense of humor and also her conscientiousness when it comes to her academics. She is a great student to have in class!" – Mr. Stoik "Mailah is a musical superstar, whether it's belting out vocals with the jazz band, on stage in musicals, or playing a beautiful oboe solo. Even though she's amazingly talented, she still works hard, treats people kindly, and thinks about how to make her "team" successful. She's also really funny!" – Mr. Boll

Fan Deck (quotes from peers):

"Mailah is very nice and kind to everyone she talks to."

"Mailah is amazing. She always tries in school and is very kind towards others. When she was new I made friends with her instantly."

"Mailah overall seems to care a lot about people, she is kind and helpful to others, and is a good person to be around."

"Mailah is always laughing. Not only is she an extremely positive person, but she is also involved with the school. She plays the Oboe in the band and is a part of the Hope Squad." "Mailah is so loving and is always there for me when I'm feeling down or need a good laugh."

"Mailah is supportive and a great listener. She relates to the people she talks to and makes them feel heard and cared for."

"Mailah is the kindest person I know. She is always smiling!"

"Mailah is a very kind person and helps everyone if they need it."

Hometown Hero:

"Rick Speckien is my hometown hero because he's everyone's favorite and can be reliable even though he's old and bald :) That's sarcasm for ya. Everyone loves Speckien because he's a nice dude and funny."