



**ILLING MIDDLE SCHOOL'S 2017 – 2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**ASHLEY OKWUAZI**

Ashley Okwuazi connects, respects, and exemplifies what today's teacher should be. She shows initiative in and out of the classroom with peers and students and is on many school based committees, constantly effecting change for the better. Ashley is a team player and goes out of her way to find creative ways to connect with families and partner with parents who adore and respect her. Students see Ashley as a positive role model, and she steps outside the box each and every day to reach every student. Ashley is bold, adventurous and courageous in her teaching techniques and holds herself and others to the highest of standards when it comes to doing what's in the best interest of kids. Ashley is kind, caring, professional and a joy to have in this building. We are very proud that Ashley is Illing's teacher of the year.

*~PRINCIPAL BETH HAYES*