

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for January 2017



Franklinville Elementary School - Annie Benson

Lead Teacher Annie Benson supports our teachers wherever and whenever she is needed. If she does not know the answer she will utilize her peers and colleagues to obtain an answer. Her ultimate goal is to ensure the success of our students. For teachers, she provides resources and direction on various interventions that can help teachers show student success. Being new to the lead teacher position, she wears many hats. She leads our Parental Engagement Committee and has presented many new ideas to keep the families of Franklinville involved, and excited, about their child's education. The staff of Franklinville Elementary truly appreciates the efforts of Annie Benson, and is proud to present her as our STAR Employee for January.

Grays Chapel Elementary School - Beth Kirk

Beth Kirk joined the Grays Chapel Elementary School family this year as our new Cross Categorical teacher assistant. She goes above and beyond her job responsibilities to take care of the students in our Cross Cat classroom. It is obvious to everyone who meets her that she sincerely loves her students. During our evening Winter Concert, she came back to school to sit with a kindergarten Cross Cat student so he could be a part of the program. She has a big heart and a great attitude. Not a day goes by that we are not reminded of the gift we have in Mrs. Kirk. Grays Chapel Elementary School is proud to recognize Beth Kirk as our STAR Employee for January.

Level Cross Elementary School - Danielle Dorantes

Danielle Dorantes is a natural kindergarten teacher. Her passion for the five-year-olds is undeniable. She personifies how educators should constantly reflect on their practice. She is always analyzing to make sure that the time she has with her students is quality and appropriate for what skills they need to know and how those practices are going to make her students successful at their specific level. She strives every day to provide the best possible learning environment for her students. She has taken on challenges that have pushed her outside her comfort zone and ultimately ended up making her a better educator! Her eagerness to want to learn more about her craft and become a better teacher makes her the best candidate for our STAR Employee for January!

Liberty Elementary School - Gwen Troxler

Kindergarten Teacher Assistant Gwen Troxler brings a positive touch to everyone she comes in contact with at school. She demonstrates a special love and respect to her kindergarten students which quickly gains their love, respect, and eagerness to please in return. She heads up the Courtesy Committee, keeping the school family informed of everything from births to deaths to celebrations involving staff. Blessed with outstanding culinary skills, Mrs. Troxler knows just when the staff needs a surprise email saying she has homemade pound cake available to staff or even that she is providing a home-cooked lunch. Mrs. Troxler is always ready at a moment's notice with words of wisdom, a quick prayer, or a little needed humor. Mrs. Troxler can rightfully be considered the glue that holds our school family together. She is a shining STAR! Liberty Elementary is pleased to recognize Gwen Troxler as our STAR Employee for January.

Northeastern Randolph Middle School - Janet Rodriguez

Northeastern Randolph's school improvement team is pleased to share with you STAR Employee Janet Rodriguez. As our counselor, she juggles significant responsibilities that make our school a great place for students to grow and learn. From conflict mediation to teaching timely and relevant classroom lessons, she helps students to make better decisions. As a pivotal member of our MTSS team she implements strategies and makes timely follow-ups on behalf of students. To support families she handles holiday programs, backpacks, and even makes sure households have enough firewood for the winter. Her impact in the community is both wide and positive, she does it all with a smile, and we are pleased to recognize Janet as a "star"! Congratulations to Janet Rodriguez, Northeastern Randolph Middle School's STAR Employee for January.

Providence Grove High School - Tucker Page

Tucker Page breathes life into his English classes on a daily basis. His passion for teaching comes to fruition with his understanding of the curriculum and his ability to make it live. Through personal interpretation, role playing, or any of the techniques used by Mr. Page to make English literature real to his students, Mr. Page displays a confidence and sense of style to his lessons. His preparation of students for understanding of literature and the ability to write about it are reasons his former students come back from college to thank him for making them successful in college classes. As an administrator, it is refreshing to see bell to bell, innovative, and inspired teaching as displayed by Tucker Page. As a role model for his peers and especially for beginning teachers, Mr. Page is that "once in a lifetime teacher" who draws students into teaching. He is a man of great skill, great passion, and certainly worthy of the designation of a Providence Grove's STAR Employee for January.

Ramseur Elementary School - Greta Traxler

Our lead teacher, Greta Traxler, is a caring, positive, team-oriented leader who maintains high expectations for students and leads others in doing the same. She provides meaningful instructional support so that teachers are able to effectively utilize data and implement sound teaching practices that enable our students and staff to be successful. In addition, she is always willing to help implement any program that will help our students be successful. This year she has implemented Math Champions and has sparked new excitement in our students in math. Her lighthearted approach has helped to create a calm, yet focused, atmosphere where students thrive and teachers enjoy teaching and learning. We are proud to recognize Greta Traxler as Ramseur Elementary School's STAR Employee for January.

Randleman Elementary School - Becky Durham

Becky Durham is an educator who teaches, leads, and influences others with her heart. She has a passion that runs deep inside her and this is evident from the moment you speak to her. Ms. Durham believes students can be successful despite any obstacle they might face. She helps every single student with whom she works believe in him or herself. She gives 100 percent every single day to make all students feel welcome, acknowledged, appreciated, valued, but most importantly, loved. Ms. Durham is a model teacher and without a doubt a STAR Employee. Congratulations to Becky Durham, Randleman Elementary School's STAR Employee for January.

Randleman High School - Courtney Davis (not pictured)

Lead Teacher Courtney Davis works with teachers to sharpen their instructional skills, provides professional development on classroom practices, conducts classroom curriculum clips, serves as a member of the School Leadership Team, and coordinates with administration and staff on the development of the School Improvement Plan. Ms. Davis aids in the execution of state and local assessments and tutoring sessions for EOC classes and the ACT. She provides one-on-one tutoring to current and past students. Ms. Davis supports the school's FFA program, helping with the livestock and garden during the summer and attending competitions and field trips as a chaperone. In 2015-2016 Ms. Davis compiled data and prepared reports to successfully acquire Randleman High School's Advance Ed Certification. It is impossible to mention all of Ms. Davis's contributions to Randleman High School, but it is easy to confidently select her as our STAR Employee for January.

Randleman Middle School - Kalie Berry-Wilson

Kalie Berry-Wilson is a STAR Employee if there ever was one! She has breathed new life into the media center at Randleman Middle and made it a hub of learning for students and teachers. Mrs. Berry-Wilson's enthusiasm for helping others reach their full potential is commendable and infectious. Along with exhibiting strong positive character and being a responsible role model, Mrs. Berry-Wilson is an energetic team player, a passionate advocate, a creative inventor, a technological dynamo, an influential teacher, and an incredible asset to Randleman Middle. Tiger Nation is a better place because of Kalie-Berry Wilson and we feel fortunate to have her as our STAR Employee for January!