

Randolph County School System “RCSS STAR Employees” for October 2019



Franklinville Elementary School - Aimee Fields

When you Google “kindergarten teacher,” there should be a picture of Aimee Fields. She is the quintessential kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Fields has a genuine, caring heart and it shows in all she does. Her work with five-year-old children is amazing. She is positive and personable and has an energetic attitude. Mrs. Fields uses consistent attention-getting strategies and quiet signals, and has a great tone of voice. She uses these skills to make her students feel successful and loved school from the first day. With struggling students, she looks for their strengths and builds on those. Mrs. Fields knows what to say to help the students learn how to read, even if they might come to school having never held a pencil or not knowing any letters at all. Franklinville Elementary School is blessed to have Aimee Fields’ influence in our school and we are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for October.

Grays Chapel Elementary School - Melinda Oakley

Teacher Assistant Melinda Oakley is passionate in all she does and it shows through her dedication and diligence to be the best she can be for her students and Grays Chapel Elementary School each and every day. Ms. Oakley’s positivity is contagious and no matter the situation, she embraces it and gives it her all. She is a team player who is always willing to go the extra mile to help others, no matter what it takes. We are thankful to have Melinda Oakley at Grays Chapel Elementary School and congratulate her on being selected our STAR Employee for October.

Level Cross Elementary School - Shelly Harris

Shelly Harris performs many duties and wears many hats as the lead teacher of our school. She is dedicated to supporting our teachers by teaching modeled lessons, helping teachers plan rigorous and relevant lessons, facilitating professional development, or just simply lending a listening ear when teachers need it. Ms. Harris is instrumental in planning our Parent Nights. In everything she does, she has a wonderful attitude and always goes the extra mile. Level Cross Elementary School is glad to recognize Shelly Harris as our STAR Employee for October.

Liberty Elementary School - Adam Duncan

Adam Duncan came to Liberty Elementary School this year as a first-year guidance counselor after several years of teaching math at Wheatmore High school. During his first week he proved to be an asset to our school as he helped transition our young students back into school routines. Mr. Duncan is quick to respond to teacher calls and has been a tremendous support in handling various difficult situations. He has quickly developed positive, caring relationships with students, parents, and staff. Mr. Duncan spreads energy and enthusiasm in all he does. Liberty Elementary School is proud to present Adam Duncan as our STAR Employee for October.

Northeastern Randolph Middle School - Danny Shaw

Danny Shaw serves the school as both a bus driver and a custodian. His day begins early and ends late in the evening, but he doesn't complain about the long hours. As a driver, Mr. Shaw safely transports students to and from school at the beginning and end of each day. He has built relationships with student riders to improve their school days. In the evenings, Mr. Shaw completes his custodial work. He goes out of his way to make the school day experience better for staff members by asking questions such as, "What is it I can do to help you?" Amazingly, during breaks at school and between bus routes, Mr. Shaw leads a local community as mayor. He has many obligations to balance and does it all with a wonderful attitude. Northeastern Randolph Middle School is pleased to have Danny Shaw represent us as our STAR Employee for October.

Providence Grove High School - Rebecca Brady

Rebecca Brady, media specialist, embodies the characteristics of the RCSS STAR Employee. She consistently works to ensure that all staff and students' media and technology needs are met each day. Mrs. Brady transformed the media center into a relaxing learning environment that is both inviting and functional. She continues to advocate and seek new sources of support to secure funding for our computer labs and classroom devices. Mrs. Brady always has an encouraging word for our students and is willing to help in any way possible to assist our staff. Rebecca Brady, thank you for all you do and congratulations on being selected Providence Grove High School's STAR Employee for October.

Ramseur Elementary School - John Strickland

John Strickland is the kind of teacher leader that every school wishes they had. He is dependable, knowledgeable, dedicated, and constantly working to improve his already stellar teaching practice. Mr. Strickland always creates a safe, peaceful, engaging classroom environment and holds high expectations for every student he teaches. He works to help other teachers as a mentor and truly cares about creating the best educational experience for his school and his students. Mr. Strickland is a model teacher and advocate for students and the teaching profession. Ramseur Elementary School is proud and honored to give John Strickland our STAR Employee award for October.

Randleman Elementary School - Karen McCain

Karen McCain has been a friendly, familiar face at Randleman Elementary School for 30 years. She is a National Board Certified teacher who has taught all grade levels, as well as summer school and Jump Start. Mrs. McCain serves as Randleman's lead teacher and testing coordinator, and she has her own fourth grade class. When asked to take on additional tasks, she has done so with extraordinary grace. Mrs. McCain distinguishes herself by always seeking to engage students and their families by making learning fun. Everyone at our school knows that they have a friend in Mrs. McCain. For 30 years she has modeled what it means to be a caring educator and leader, and we are thankful to call Karen McCain our STAR Employee for October.

Randleman High School - Sidney Naron

Sidney Naron has passion for his job, searching for ways to energize and invigorate his students' learning. In the last few years, he has completely changed the culture of his classroom. Students are now working in collaborative groups with clearly outlined roles. Mr. Naron has his students read primary source documents, and most importantly, he focuses his instruction on promoting critical thinking and incorporating project-based learning. Mr. Naron also strives to grow as a professional. He seeks out

ideas and strategies to improve differentiation in his classroom, and always is willing to share his ideas with his colleagues to help them to grow as well. Sidney Naron serves our students and community daily by striving for excellence in his teaching, and Tiger Nation is proud to recognize him as our STAR Employee for October.

Randleman Middle School - Judy Jackson

Secretary-Treasurer Judy Jackson is a dedicated member of Tiger Nation who truly cares for the students and staff like they are her own family. She is loyal, compassionate, and hard-working. Students love Ms. Jackson and she serves as a behavior incentive for some who need something positive to work toward. She is a fierce advocate for our substitutes and does her best to support and encourage them. Whether you need a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or some motherly advice, Ms. Jackson is your “go to” person. Her bright and friendly smile is contagious, her “way-ell” will make you laugh, and her chocolate chip pound cake is the best you have ever eaten. We are excited to select Judy Jackson as Randleman Middle School’s STAR Employee for October.