# Randolph County School System "RCSS STAR Employees" for October 2020

# Franklinville Elementary School – Debbie Sheron

Debbie Sheron has served Franklinville Elementary School as a teacher, lead teacher, assistant principal, and now principal. It has been apparent for many years that her heart belongs to Franklinville and the passing of time has only proven it further. Leading by example, Mrs. Sheron continually inspires the staff, students, and families as they create the future of education. She is committed to creating a place where teachers keep the joy, excitement, and enthusiasm of the first day of school all year long. Mrs. Sheron is dedicated to creating a place where children cannot fail and success is guaranteed. Please help us in congratulating Franklinville Elementary School's STAR Employee for October, Debbie Sheron.

#### **Grays Chapel Elementary School – Alex Ortowski**

School counselor Alex Ortowski serves and supports Grays Chapel students and teachers with a positive, can-do attitude and a compassionate heart. She wants to help students grow and achieve to their maximum level in the classroom and in their social-emotional development. Ms. Ortowski communicates and works effectively with teachers, staff, and parents, and provides a collaborative and positive culture among all staff members. She meets with students through her guidance classes each week, individually and in small groups, to help them work through academic challenges and personal issues. Ms. Ortowski serves as chairperson for the Multi-Tiered System of Supports Team and is already making a positive impact in meeting students' needs. She also eagerly embraces the role of 504 Chairperson and parent liaison in following up and offering encouragement and solutions to remote students/families in this COVID environment. She is greatly respected, valued, and appreciated by school staff. Grays Chapel Elementary School is proud to honor Alex Ortowski as our STAR Employee for October.

# **Level Cross Elementary School - Wendy Myers**

Exceptional Children teacher Wendy Myers is a very dedicated educator who teaches with her heart. She is heavily involved in the lives of her students at Level Cross Elementary School and works hard to meet their needs. Ms. Myers can be counted upon to give 110%. She has overcome challenges and maintained a positive attitude that is contagious to others. Ms. Myers always offers encouragement and her positivity radiates in all that she does. She is the "Pride" of Level Cross. Level Cross Elementary School is pleased to recognize Wendy Myers as our STAR Employee for October.

# **Liberty Elementary School - Jenny Dodson**

Jenny Dodson has worked at Liberty Elementary School for twelve years and has served as cafeteria manager for the last five years. She believes "education starts with nutrition" and strives to make sure no child goes without food. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Dodson has worked with her staff to provide three morning check-in stations, necessitated by the unusual layout of the school's campus. She has ensured a seamless transition from delivering meals to the classroom to picking up lunches in the cafeteria. On remote instruction days, Ms. Dodson ensures meals get to homes for all those who need them. She is a team player and problem solver who goes above and beyond in her duties. Liberty Elementary School is proud and excited to recognize Jenny Dodson as our STAR Employee for October.

#### Northeastern Randolph Middle School - Eliza Sanders

Eliza Sanders is a superstar juggler. Each day, she prepares for three different content areas in eighth grade math and science. Mrs. Sanders also serves as a mentor to an intern in her classroom. Her colleagues are incredibly thankful for her willingness to share her expertise in all areas, but especially with regard to the significant transition the school has made to Canvas. Mrs. Sanders is called upon at every corner of the school, and her willingness to help is appreciated. In addition to all this, she is an engaging, reflective classroom teacher. Northeastern Randolph Middle School is pleased to recognize Eliza Sanders as our STAR Employee for October.

# **Providence Grove High School - Terrie Bryant**

Terrie Bryant is a veteran English Language Arts teacher leader on the Providence Grove High School campus who is passionate about teaching and learning. She is an advocate for her students and works to empower them to take ownership of their education and pursue their interests. As the English Language Arts Department chair, School Improvement Team member, and Graduation Committee co-chair, Mrs. Bryant is a team player who works with her department and colleagues to improve student outcomes. We appreciate all that Mrs. Bryant does for our students, school, and community. Providence Grove High School proudly congratulates Terri Bryant on being selected our STAR Employee for October.

#### **Ramseur Elementary School - Ben Saunders**

Ben Saunders, English as a Second Language teacher at Ramseur Elementary School, does an excellent job of creating lessons and activities that meet the needs of his students. He builds relationships with his students and uses jokes, silly accents, and sound effects to make his lessons fun and enjoyable. Mr. Saunders serves in the car rider line in the morning and afternoon, knows every student's name, and greets each one with a smile. His jovial manner transcends to the staff as well. He writes encouraging emails, makes funny videos, tells humorous stories, and never fails to lift everyone's spirits. Mr. Saunders is an indispensable member of the school staff, and the school day would not be the same without him. Ramseur Elementary School is excited to recognize Ben Saunders as our STAR Employee for October.

#### Randleman Elementary School - Jen Choken

Advocate, champion, guide, and coach are just a few of the words to describe one of Randleman Elementary School's greatest supporters. As lead teacher, Jen Choken works tirelessly, both out-front and behind the scenes to encourage teachers, administration, and staff members to constantly grow and learn. In a truly dynamic, sometimes unpredictable year that is like no other, she empowers each of us to put our best foot forward, hold our head high, and respond with strength and grace, while holding the highest of expectations for ourselves and others. Even as one of the newest members of the Tiger family, Ms. Choken has made her mark and proved invaluable to the Randleman Elementary community. Congratulations to Jen Choken, Randleman Elementary School's STAR Employee for October.