

## Randolph County School System "RCSS STAR Employees" for February 2017



### **Coleridge Elementary School - Lisa Kidd**

Words such as outgoing, friendly, kind, and compassionate come to mind when you think of Coleridge's STAR Employee. With a sparkle in her eye and the demeanor of a diplomat, Lisa Kidd brings a level of dedication to Coleridge that is hard to deny. Mrs. Kidd goes far beyond her job as data manager, nurturing students and staff alike. There is no mistake that she can go from zero to sixty in a flash. Mrs. Kidd is a pillar in the community and inspires all who cross her path to do more and be better than they ever thought they could be. Students find her willing to put a Band-Aid on a scrape or provide a listening ear. Mrs. Kidd never seems to tire of offering a helping hand. All these qualities and much more are what make Lisa Kidd a star in all she does. Congratulations, Lisa Kidd, Coleridge Elementary School's STAR Employee for February.

### **Eastern Randolph High School - Sharon Cheek**

Sharon Cheek is our distance learning facilitator and works with our student body giving technology and curriculum support in our Flex Lab. She doesn't stop there, however. Mrs. Cheek is always willing to lend a hand wherever needed. She does this with a genuine smile and without hesitation. Our students know that Mrs. Cheek has a sincere love for them and a strong commitment to their success. If you ever need a pick-me-up, five minutes with Mrs. Cheek will surely brighten your day. Our vision for Eastern Randolph High School is to improve instruction one student at a time. Sharon Cheek's efforts support this daily, which makes her the epitome of a STAR Employee. Eastern Randolph High School is proud to recognize Sharon Cheek as our STAR Employee for February.

### **Farmer Elementary School - Meagan Gartlan**

Farmer Elementary had the honor of welcoming Meagan Gartlan to our family this year as our functional skills teacher. Mrs. Gartlan works hand-in-hand with her assistants and colleagues to ensure each moment of her students' day is supported based on the students' individual needs. Mrs. Gartlan values each child. She holds each child responsible for their learning and has high expectations for what they can accomplish. Her energy, excitement, and positive demeanor transcend her students' disabilities. She supports each student through her ability to adapt her teaching to what her students respond to, in order to create a love for learning. She and her assistants spend extra time preparing materials, making changes in the classroom, meeting new students prior to their arrival, and speaking with the class before students arrive. Her greatest accomplishments are her students' joy for learning, parental support she receives, and the growth her students are making. It is with great pleasure that we select Meagan Gartlan as Farmer Elementary School's STAR Employee for the month for February.

**Seagrove Elementary School - Donnie McNeill**

Donnie McNeill is such a valuable employee at Seagrove Elementary School. With few male employees in the elementary school setting, Mr. McNeill is a wonderful male role model for the students at Seagrove. All students love him and you never see him without a smile on his face. Mr. McNeill goes out of his way to speak with students in the hallway and brighten their day in many ways. Students look forward to Mr. McNeill working with them in the classroom in small groups. He also works well with all of his colleagues and does anything that is asked of him. He drives a bus and is loved by his bus riders. Mr. McNeill is such a joyful, humble person and without even realizing it, he is so important in the lives of many. Seagrove Elementary is honored to call Donnie McNeill our STAR Employee for February.

**Southeastern Randolph Middle School - Gail Powers**

Gail Powers is always such a supportive member of our Wildcat family. Her enthusiasm and energy are infectious. She has made such a tremendous impact on our school climate in the short time she has been with us. We are excited about our students' growth and future with Mrs. Powers at the helm of our school. She works very hard to make sure that each teacher has a voice at Southeastern Randolph Middle and she makes sure that her voice is heard as well. Thank you, Mrs. Powers, for coming to our school and for making our students your priority. Welcome home and congratulations on being selected Southeastern Randolph Middle School's STAR Employee for February.

**Southmont Elementary School - Megan Brubaker**

Megan Brubaker is a master level teacher who has successfully taught multiple grade levels at Southmont. She always has a positive attitude toward difficult situations and is eager to learn new things to improve student learning. This year, she plans the remediation and enrichment block to include technology related activities for the entire grade level. She is always willing to support her grade level and all of the students. Ms. Brubaker supports the entire school as the chair of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports committee. Just recently she demonstrated her care for our students by performing the Heimlich maneuver on a student from a co-worker's classroom. She didn't hesitate - she just jumped in to help the choking student. This was not surprising to those that know her, as she will do anything to help others. Southmont Elementary School is proud to recognize Megan Brubaker as our STAR Employee for February.

**Southwestern Randolph High School - Cathy Napier**

Cathy Napier is the consummate team player and always carries a positive attitude no matter what she is doing. She constantly looks for ways to improve the media center and the school. She is diligent in serving all members of the school community, whether it's staff, student, parent, or community member. Whenever or wherever Ms. Napier is needed, she is glad to be of assistance. Her knowledge as a media professional is unparalleled. When conducting professional development sessions, she makes sure they are informative and enjoyable. Above all, Ms. Napier has Cougar blood running through her veins and she takes great pride in this fact. Our school is truly lucky to have a gem like her. Congratulations to Cathy Napier, Southwestern Randolph High School's STAR Employee for February.

**Southwestern Randolph Middle School - Jane Braswell**

The STAR Employee for Southwestern Randolph Middle School for February is someone who goes above and beyond in regards to her job responsibilities. In her role as student advocate, there is no one else who truly advocates for children the way Jane Braswell does. She serves the school as an assistant soccer coach, teaches an eighth grade reading skills class, and also agrees to help substitute in various classes around the school when needed. She also works hard to make sure struggling students get the attention they require to be successful at our school. Southwestern Randolph Middle School is proud to name Jane Braswell our STAR Employee for the month of February.

**Tabernacle Elementary School - Amy Hunt**

Amy Hunt is a teacher assistant for the Severe Emotional Disorder class at Tabernacle Elementary. She is a compassionate and loving person towards all the students and staff at Tabernacle. Mrs. Hunt has taken on a lead position within the classroom to support all students with various needs. She is very involved with all aspects of the school program. Her kind spirit and enthusiasm are both contagious to her peers and students. Tabernacle Elementary School is very fortunate to have Amy Hunt as our STAR Employee for February.

**Uwharrie Middle School - Laura Popp**

Laura Popp goes above and beyond the role of a lead teacher. She is always willing to step in and help at all times, with a smile on her face. Ultimately, for Uwharrie, Ms. Popp is the essence of school spirit and pride. She continually makes others feel at ease and brings out the best in each teacher. She has taken any role asked of her, including assisting with lesson plans and testing and leading staff development at Uwharrie Middle and across the school system. Ms. Popp makes time for everyone who needs her, often putting them before herself. Laura Popp has proven to be a valuable resource for the staff and students of Uwharrie Middle School. Everything she does is for the students. Congratulations to Laura Popp, Uwharrie Middle School's STAR Employee for February.