



MEET OUR 2020 - 2021

Teachers of the Year



"I believe learning should be fun
and my kinders should love
learning. If I believe it's fun, my
students will too."

Rene Elliott

Bonaire Elementary



"Every child can learn. A good teacher knows each child has strengths and weaknesses, and not every child learns the same way."

Karen Yeager
Bonaire Middle



"In order to reach your students, you must first form a relationship with them; get to know who they are, what they love, their interests, learning style and show you genuinely care about their well-being!"

Jessica Roberts

C.B. Watson Primary



"I strive to make sure students know it's okay to make mistakes; they can learn from those mistakes. I want all students to feel success and know making mistakes is part of the process of becoming successful."

Jessica Nixon

Centerville Elementary



"All students can and will learn when given the right tools and opportunities, along with a teacher who believes in them and has those expectations."

Carrie McNair

David Perdue Elementary



"We need to hear each other out, listen to our differences, and be taught how to discuss them rather than avoid them.

We need to know how to take ownership; stand up or stand down, and know which is needed."

Jillian Kreutzer

David Perdue Primary



"Success, to myself and my students,
means learning more than they did the
day before and having the mentality
that we will be better than yesterday."

Stephanie King

Eagle Springs Elementary



"As a teacher and member of the school community, my biggest contribution will not be measured in student achievement scores, but rather through the success of student experiences in becoming better learners and better human beings."

Janice Stillwell

Feagin Mill Middle



"Ensuring the partnership between the school and community is an essential relationship that requires mutual respect, a heart-felt understanding, compassion, and delicate, continuous communication."

JoAnna Hare
Hilltop Elementary



"If students want to be here with you,
that's half the battle. They will do more
for you and with you when they know
they matter to you."

Erin Morton

Houston County Career Academy



"Teaching to the whole child allows the student to bring what is valuable to them to their learning. One of my greatest joys as a teacher is seeing students engaged in passions that will extend into their life after graduation."

Shayna Brown

Houston County High



"Students should be encouraged to think on their own and have good, healthy relationships with their teachers. We should treat them with respect, regardless of their educational or cultural background."

Reginald Cuthpert

Houston County WIN Academy



"Teachers must always be teachable. I am consistently looking for new strategies to implement in my class so that my students may reap the best results in their learning experience."

Shikeshia Thornton

Huntington Middle



"Every child can learn, and every child has potential that is waiting to be unlocked. The key to unlocking a student's potential is by convincing them the potential exists."

Kymberley Stimus

Kings Chapel Elementary



"I strive to give each student an experience that enhances their creative thinking and bolsters their academic achievement, fostering strong personal connections to grow social and emotional development and aid in community engagement."

Jennifer Jackson

Lake Joy Elementary



"It is our job to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for students. For them to reach their maximum potential, students must be immersed in a class that supports their physical and mental health."

Cameron Barrington

Lake Joy Primary



"Art is seen differently by everyone; their opinion and criticisms are part of the creative process. I hope that my students can use this to broaden their scope of how they see the world and how the world sees them."

Lori Hollbrook

Langston Road Elementary



"My purpose is not to fill my students' minds with facts, but to teach them to think for themselves so they become lifelong learners."

Felicia Felton

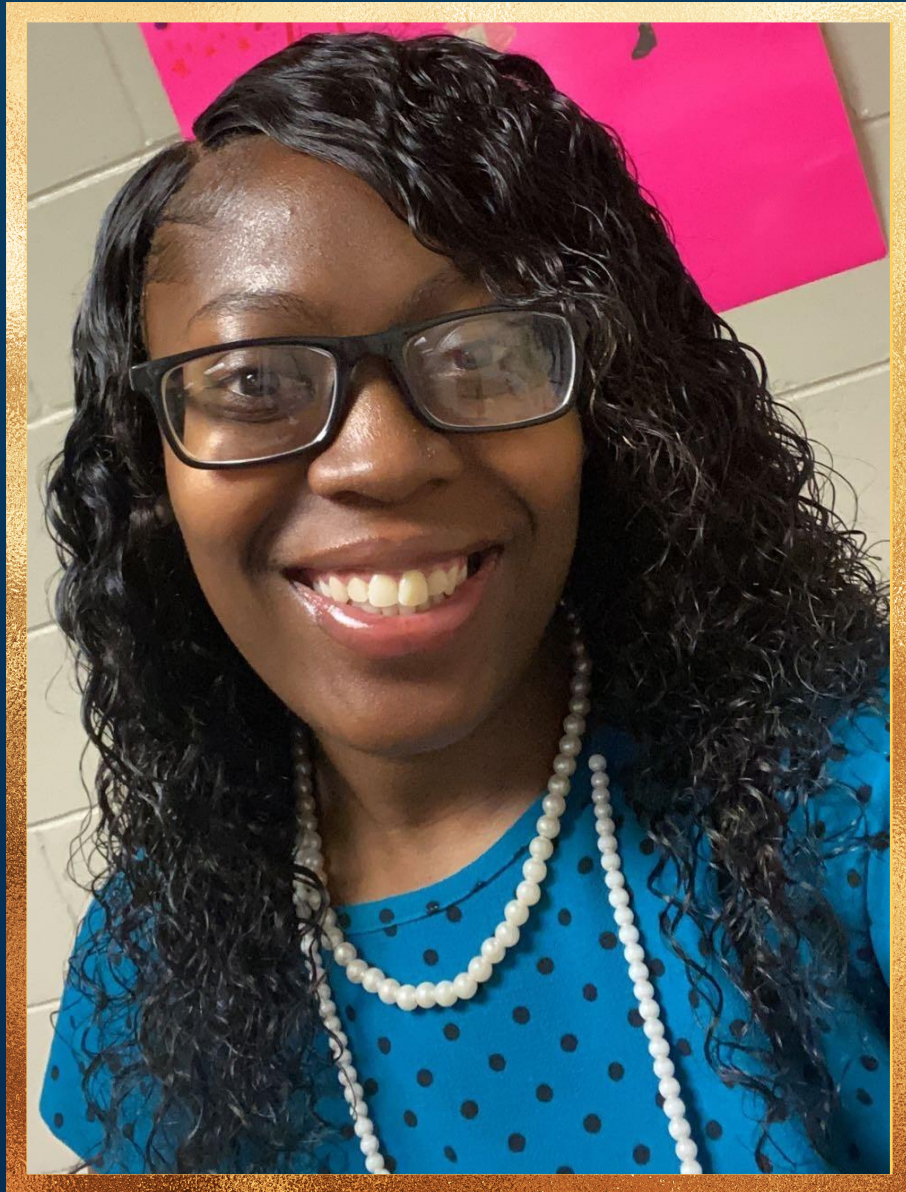
Lindsey Elementary



"I make it a point to have active, ongoing communication with parents and be a voice for their children so they can have a daily glimpse into their child's school day."

Jessica Worrell

Matt Arthur Elementary



"I believe in encouraging students to be involved in extracurricular activities within the school. We must provide students with activities to participate in outside of the classroom so we meet the needs of the whole child."

La'Kenya Brandon
Miller Elementary



"I value students as individuals. I set high expectations for my students, as well as guide and nurture their aspirations to allow them to become their best selves."

Ponda Hynson

Morningside Elementary



"The community is what truly makes a school succeed. It takes teachers, parents, and support from the community all working together to make a school thrive."

Amy Gautney
Mossy Creek Middle



Teacher
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"My students may change from year to year, but my love and passion for their learning will always remain constant. When someone asks me how many children I have, I always respond with, 'Forty-six; forty-four do not live with me, and two live at home.'"

Crystal Tucker

Northside Elementary



"Learning is infinite and it is represented by changed behavior. I firmly believe that learning never ceases to take place for anyone. The best teachers are able to evolve and adapt."

Heather Burley

Northside High



"By equipping students with the knowledge and tools they need to face current and future issues, they will see the value in their actions and rise to future challenges."

Christina Sanders

Northside Middle



"I am not afraid to bring my students' culture into the classroom. I believe in engaging students in daily instructional practices that embrace and acknowledge the importance of culture in the classroom."

Amanda Bennett

Parkwood Elementary



"My role is to teach students how to create and find their own path to success by serving as a role model and encouraging them to perform as scholars, critical thinkers and problem solvers."

Malinda Rangel

Pearl Stephens Elementary



"The world is ever-changing and so are students. However, if we strive to leave any place or person better than we found them, we will be a better person and citizen."

Shawn Wiley

Perry High



"I attend school events to promote partnerships within the community. I am able to meet families and build rapport. When parents see you at their child's event, they know you genuinely care about their child."

Carmen Washington

Perry Middle



"As leaders and role models, students must see us practicing what we preach! We must provide students with books they want to read, let the students choose, invite the students in, foster a reading community, and joyfully support others who teach."

Ashley Gordon

Quail Run Elementary



"Through diversity, we are able to learn from one another and learn together. It is my job to meet my students where they are, and through instructional practices push them to their greatest potential."

Katelyn Moore
Russell Elementary



"As we work together in our learning communities, we must remember we are there to support all students. From embracing students in other classrooms to teaching a shared lesson, we are at our best when working together as a team."

Britney Fulghum

Shirley Hills Elementary



"From the bus drivers to the administrators, the custodians to the lunchroom workers, and to the teachers – we all have to believe in the greatness of our students. We have to recognize their potential to be even greater."

Patricia Bolden

Thomson Middle



"Students need opportunities to discover why and how things work. When students are given a chance to explore concepts, they create lifelong memories and experiences that deepen their learning."

Kayla Shumway
Tucker Elementary



"I tell my students that we cannot find success if we are complacent with failure; instead, we must treat each failed attempt as an opportunity to grow and persevere toward a goal."

Jeremy Fermin
Veterans High



"I believe in magic. The magic seen when a child who 'hates reading' finds a book that changes their perspective. Teachers aren't just doing a job; they are manipulating space and time to create magic."

Kristin Hanlin

Warner Robins High



"Children look to educators for knowledge and understanding, making them aware of our unwavering support should be a top priority. We must bridge the gap between child-family relationships, as well as family-teacher connections."

Brandi Dent

Warner Robins Middle



"Parents are the most important members of the community. They play a significant role in student achievement, so we must create opportunities for them to support their child's experiences within and beyond school."

LoRena Thomas

Westside Elementary