



Great Falls Public Schools

Good Apple Award Recipients

Dennis Martin, Administrative Assistant, District Offices, was recommended for Good Apple award by Amy Sterling, and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: Dennis has made the opening of the Remote Learning Center as successful as it has been due to his endless efforts of organizing our new building, ordering materials, manning the phones, directing parents, helping teachers, and doing all of that with a smile. The success of our opening is in large part because of Dennis' help

Stephanie Major, Scheduling Technician, East Middle School, and Brandi Langan, Data Technician, District Offices, were recommended for a Good Apple awards by Amy Sterling, and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: Without the support of the scheduling technicians at both middle schools, we could not have gotten our classes up and running at the Remote Learning Center. They have answered countless phone calls and emails, responded to numerous requests for information from us, updated the information we needed, and made more schedule changes than we can imagine; all with a can-do attitude and a real team player attitude. We appreciate everything they have done to make the Remote Learning Center middle school teams be a reality.

AJ Griffith, 1st Engineer, Roosevelt Elementary, was recommended for a Good Apple award by Amy Sterling, and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: AJ has made sure that each of us were moved into our new rooms and had everything we needed to launch the Remote Learning Center! With every request he complies with a can-do spirit and gets it done. We appreciate his energy and enthusiasm for being a part of this team.

Susan Quinn, Co-Coordinator of Curriculum, District Offices, was recommended for a Good Apple award by Amy Sterling, and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: The Remote Learning Center for GFPS would not be a reality today if it were not for the tireless work and leadership of Susan Quinn. While Susan is one who tends to shy away from the spotlight, the simple fact is her vision and drive are what created the Remote Learning Center. She shows patience and grace for every teacher, parent, or student that she encounters, and Susan will stop on a dime to teach the remote teachers if they are struggling so the best education is being provided to remote learners. Despite the high stress level of everyone, Susan has made us believe we can do hard things. She has been a leader, mentor, teacher, counselor, advocator, confidant, and support to each of us; despite what her own workload has been. Susan is appreciated and valued beyond words by her department.

Shannon Coffin, Intervention Teacher, East Middle School, was recommended for a Good Apple award by Amy Sterling and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: Shannon has recently met with the middle school remote learning teams to help us engage more students in learning. She has made many, many calls and made home visits to get students started in remote learning. She transported kids to Roosevelt and made sure they have another person to support them in their learning this year. We appreciate her time and efforts to help ensure the success of all students in the new remote learning program.

Lori Ostberg, Counselor, North Middle School, and Carly Swingley, Counselor, East Middle School, were recommended for a Good Apple awards, by Amy Sterling, and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: Both 7th grade counselors from our middle schools joined the 7th grade remote learning team to find out about our new students and how we can best meet the needs of these students to ensure their success in the remote learning program this year. We appreciate their time with this and getting students placed into our remote learning classes!

TJ Iron Bear, Indian Education Youth Development Specialist, East Middle School, was recommended for a Good Apple awards by Amy Sterling and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: TJ recently met with the middle school remote learning teams to plan for how we can best meet the needs of the students that we share this year. We appreciate his time and efforts to help ensure the success of all students in the new remote learning program.

Jennifer Ulibarri, East Middle School, and Kathi Sybrant, North Middle School, both Administrative Assistants, were recommended for a Good Apple awards, by Amy Sterling and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: Jennifer and Kathie have played instrumental roles in getting the remote learning center staff, students, and parents up and running. They have numerous phone calls and have graciously done everything that we have asked of them and did so with a smile. We appreciate the extra work this has added to their already pivotal roles in our middle schools.

Tara Rosipal, Principal, and Anita Ranieri, Assistant Principal, both North Middle School, were recommended for Good Apple awards, by Amy Sterling and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: Tara and Anita have been extremely helpful in facilitating the communication between NMS and the Remote Learning Center staff. In addition to the demands that the reopening has placed on them in building, they have graciously helped with the remote learning students. We appreciate their help and patience as we have launched this program.

Tech Department and Data Center Staff, District Offices Annex, were recommended for Good Apple awards by Amy Sterling and Leesa Halcro, Remote Teachers, Middle School, because of the following: A normal start to a school year is busy enough for the tech department at GFPS, but with the addition of the Remote Learning Center it has been an unprecedented opening for them. Without technology, our program would not exist; without these men and women, our program would not be the successful reality that is. A normal start to a school year is busy enough for the tech department at GFPS, but with the addition of the Remote Learning Center it has been an unprecedented opening for them. Without technology, our program would not exist; without these men and women, our program would not be the successful reality that is.

Traci Romsa, Secretary, Great Falls High School, was recommended for Good Apple award by Karen Atwell, Office Assistant, Great Falls High School, because of the following: In many years of working with Ms. Traci, I see that she always does an excellent job of organizing and managing the front office at

Great Falls High School. She is always willing to go beyond her duties to keep Great Falls High in top form. One of her many duties each day is keeping track of teacher and substitutes. As of late, this job has become increasingly demanding but Traci continues to forge ahead with an exemplary attitude and pleasing temperament. I am in awe of how Traci deals with many different issues throughout each day. She always keeps a positive outlook and helps others to do the same. Traci, you are well deserving of this award!