



## Great Falls Public Schools

### Good Apple Award Recipients

**Chris Mee, Data Center Lead, Brandi Langan, Student Systems Analyst, and Tyler Blow, Data Technician, all District Offices Annex,** were recommended for Good Apple Award by Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology, District Offices Annex, because of the following: Over the past year, the Data Center team worked with implementing the PowerSchool Online Enrollment system. Installation involved configuring the system to work with our local PowerSchool system, working with a committee of staff to include the proper fields and responses, testing, documenting and training staff who would eventually use it. Final steps included preparing the schools for Kindergarten Registration, opening the form to use and troubleshooting issues as they arose. The process went very smoothly and very few issues needed to be addressed. I would like to thank this team for working through a very involved project and have a successful outcome. This team embraced the challenge head on and amazed me with their can do the attitude, drive and dedication. Thank you for all you do. GFPS is lucky to have this hard-working group.

**Jacob Bily, Chris DiSalvatore, Mitchell Evans, Jordon Falkenhagen, all Technology Support Technicians, Patrick Douglas, Ori Fischer, Kim Krattiger, David Myles, Michael Ward, all Technology Core Technicians, Dan Sibert, Technology Lead Technician, all District Offices,** were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology, District Offices Annex, because of the following: This spring, the GFPS Technology Tech staff accomplished a major project of replacing 3000 Chromebooks and converting the charging system on 89 charging carts. The project involved scheduling around SBAC testing so students would not be left without a device to use. Once the principal agreed to a date, the techs would collect the carts, take them back to Little Russell, retrofit the charging system, restock the carts with new Chromebooks and deliver back to the school, often in the same or next day. It was a very efficient and smooth process that did not interrupt student access. This group always embraces a challenge head on and continues to amaze me with their can-do attitude, drive and dedication. Thank you for all you do. GFPS is lucky to have this hard-working group.

**Jamie McGraw, Principal, Nate Achenbach, Associate Principal, Dennis Morris, Science Teacher, Lynn Ryan, Music Teacher, Tamara Patterson and Lindsey Gustafson, both Health Enhancement Teachers, Jacie Schoenen, Counselor, Erin Awtrey, English Teacher, Andrew Nagengast, Art Teacher, Warren Mayes, Math Teacher, all C. M. Russell High School,** were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Kelley Lewis, Parent, because of the following: All of these exceptional staff members have gone above and beyond to help my child achieve success with her education. Her grades, her confidence and her enthusiasm to attend school have all seen an improvement. This exceptional team has allowed her to feel both heard and understood. I cannot express enough how deeply thankful I am that my daughter was able to have such a wonderful group of individuals to help her. They are an asset to our children.