



Great Falls Public Schools

Good Apple Award Recipients

Katie Hurin, Librarian, Giant Springs Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Rhonda Zobrak, Principal, Giant Springs Elementary School, because of the following: Katie is willingly teaching kindergarten while the teacher is out because the students have had multiple substitute teachers in the past 2 weeks. Rather than continue to have these students have a different teacher for the next two weeks; Katie is prepping for a library sub and teaching kindergarten herself. She is definitely going above and beyond for the GS kids!

Carey Hamrick, Counselor, Valley View Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Brenda Canine, Parent, Valley View Elementary School, because of the following: Carey works with the remote learning students. He meets weekly with the third-grade remote learners and supports their social and emotional development which has been extremely difficult due to the remote learning environment this year. My daughter is not able to return to in person classes due to health concerns she has had since birth and keeping that connection with her home school which she has attended since Kindergarten has been very important to her. She looks forward to those interactions each week and after her weekly meetings with Mr. Hamrick she often comes and narrates the meeting back to me. In a time where a lot of things are uncertain he has provided a reassuring, reliable, constant each week for our daughter's learning. Mr. Hamrick has shown true concern for these kids and deserves to be recognized for his efforts.

Jordan Hayden and Cody Toner, both 4th Grade Teachers, both Morningside Elementary School, were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Cherie Stordahl, Resource 1 Teacher, Morningside Elementary School, because of the following: I would like to nominate Jordan Haydel and Cody Toner, teachers at Morningside Elementary for the Good Apple Award. During the coldest snap so far this year, we had parent-teacher conferences. We were at the school late both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Tuesday evening, Cody went out to start my car before leaving for the evening. Thursday evening the temperature fell to -26 before we left. Well, my car didn't start. Cody and Jordan came to my rescue and got my car started. They both checked on me to make sure I made it home safely. It is colleagues like Cody and Jordan that make GFPS such a wonderful work family. It was cold and had been a very long day and yet they made sure I was safe and able to get home.

Lisa Wiley, Administrative Assistant, Todd Currey, Counselor, Lacey Lewis, Intervention Teacher, Ryan Edwards, 4th Grade Teacher, and Michelle Peterson, Health Enhancement Teacher,

all Sunnyside Elementary School, were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Ruth Uecker, K-6 Assistant Superintendent, District Office Building, because of the following: Lisa, Todd, Lacey, Ryan and Michelle have dedicated their time and efforts and have worked tirelessly for the last month. Each day at the school they dealt with unique circumstances. These staff members were always ready and willing to support, staff, students, families, Mr. Hart and myself. Each one of them is a team player who was supportive of me as I filled in for Ryan Hart during this time. Each of them always kept things moving along and never shied away from any tasks they were given. I cannot thank them enough for all of their daily support and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. In following the tradition of the Great Falls Public School District, I feel it is appropriate to honor these individuals by awarding them a Good Apple Award.

April Kottke, Para Educator, Roosevelt Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple by Amy Sterling, Remote Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary School, because of the following: April has been an incredible asset to us, and our students, from day one! April goes above and beyond each day to provide support and help for all our 7th graders. Having an extra set of eyes in seminars is invaluable and having the additional support for our students in doing school remotely has been appreciated and her positive attitude is as well.