



## Great Falls Public Schools

### Good Apple Award Recipients

**Andrea Carroll, Attendance Secretary, Rachel Packer, Attendance Aide, Cindy Kenczka, Attendance Aide, C. M. Russell High School,** were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Dawn Thompson, Office Assistant, C, M. Russell High School, because of the following: Our Attendance ladies here at CMR have gone above and beyond their usual duties. The Attendance Office is always a very busy place to start with. Covid has put a lot of extra work on these ladies with Remote Learning and contact tracing for Covid cases.

**Kerry Parsons, Principal, Jamie McGraw, Nate Achenbach, and Paul Soldano, all Associate Principals, C. M. Russell High School,** were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Dawn Thompson, Office Assistant, C, M. Russell High School, because of the following: Our Administration here at CMR have worked extremely long days and nights working on all of the many the Covid issues. I would like to let them know how much I appreciate their hard work on behalf of CMR to keep us open and safe.

**Lyndsey Oraw, Riki Johnson, Chelsa Buehner, Terri Gordillo, Rochelle Johnson, Montana Johnson, Amber Smith- Boggs, Nikea Miller, Amy Schoenen, Nikki Ritland, Theresa Busch, Todd Currey, Carey Hamrick, Dana Freshly, Ronie Pearsall, all Elementary Counselors, Heather Daley and Lori Ostberg, both North Middle School, Jerry Olson and Carly Swingley, both East Middle School, Nick Budeski, Patty Pace, Jacie Schoenen, Brenda Lowry, Brittany Light, all C. M. Russell Counselors, Chad Getten, Bridgette Pence, Carie Magers, Joe Ferda, Kathy Van Tighem, all Great Falls High Counselors, and Jodi Hicks, Paris Gibson Education Center,** were recommended for a Good Apple Awards by Ruth Uecker, K-6 Assistant Superintendent, and Heather Hoyer, 7-12 Assistant Superintendent, District Office Building, because of the following: During COVID, these counselors have been instrumental this year to help facilitate in making sure that the best instructional fit has been met to help with the needs of students and families. These counselors have helped with supporting the social and emotional needs of students. They have had to help families work through some traumatic and challenging times. The counselors have had to be flexible, agile and work long hours. Not only have they supported students and families, but they have also assisted with the support to the entire staff in their individual buildings.

**Erin Butts, Student Mental Health Coordinator, Paris Gibson Education Center**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Tom Moore, Superintendent, because of the following: I would like to recognize Erin for her outstanding work with staff and students during the COVID -19 epidemic. She has led our counselors, building and district administrators in training in self-care, suicide intervention and prevention strategies and grief intervention and counseling when needed. There are over thirty school counselors in the District and close to 55 administrators, supervisors and directors. Erin is a valuable member of our leadership team in providing guidance and expertise on day to day matters dealing with students, parents and staff. During the week of Appreciation for our School Counselors, I would like to say Thank You to Erin Butts for providing counsel to all of us in Great Falls Public Schools. She is a shining example of care and compassion for others.

**Angelica Sletten, Core Teacher Aide, North Middle School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Becky Brown, Nurse, North Middle School, because of the following: This morning she presented me with a TON of snacks for my type 1 diabetic students and other students in need. When working with type 1 diabetics, the availability of quick-acting glucose snacks is an ever-present worry, but the amount that Angie donated is such that I won't have to worry until the end of the year! I am **so** grateful for her incredible generosity and believe she deserves a Good Apple recognition in this regard!