



## Great Falls Public Schools

### Good Apple Award Recipients

**Janean Dahlstrom, Kennedy Messina, Sherri Moltzan, Christina Fries, Amber Sapp, all Core Teacher Aides, Sue Boysun, Brianna Daul, Tara Hageman, Katie Tinker, all Overload Aides, Darla Reid, Sarah Wilkes, and Kori Beutler, all Paraprofessionals, Riverview Elementary School,** were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Luke Diekhans, Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following: As principal, I would like to recognize these employees for their continued flexibility and creative ways of thinking to solve many problems over the last school year. These ladies are always willing to step up and support our staff in any way that will positively impact our students and school. Whether it be covering a classroom, bundling up to head outside in the cold and wind for recess or working with individual students across the building, they find a way to get it done. These ladies make Riverview Elementary a positive place to work and for students to learn. Thanks for all they do!

**Gaines McFadden and Dan Oakland,** were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Gordon Johnson, GFPS Board of Trustees, Ruth Uecker, K-6 Assistant Superintendent, and Rachel Cutler, Curriculum Co-Coordinator, because of the following: Gaines and Dan are two Good Samaritans who came together to create "A Desk of Their Own" Project. This was a project designated to help our elementary remote learners and it was their mission to give everyone a "desk of their own". The project was well received and valued by many of our younger students. Gaines and Dan produced over 100 desks, most of which have found use in the homes of our students. Each desk took over two hours to make and students were provided their own desk space to complete their work with pride. Gaines said that "As we come to the end of the school year, we believe we have successfully come close to meeting the demand for desks". There are roughly 30 desks remaining, therefore the remaining desks will be distributed as needed. The fundraising for this project actually exceeded the actual costs. So, Gaines and Dan have suggested that the remainder of the amount stay in the GFPS Foundation account. They have been diligent in recognizing those businesses and people who have so generously contributed to the project.