



Great Falls Public Schools

Good Apple Award Recipients

Erin Agamenoni, Para Educator, Early Family Learning Center, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Collette Getten, Transitional Kindergarten Coordinator, Early Family Learning Center, because of the following: Erin had been working for the school district prior to working at Skyline and I knew the minute I observed her working with small children, she was in her element! Erin started her first day with a smile and she hasn't stopped smiling since! Wearing her safety vest with pride, she embraces the opportunity to greet families at the entrance each day. She greets children by name, gets down at their level and offers a gentle hand while escorting them to their class. Parents feel a sense of comfort, knowing Erin is reliable and consistently cheerful with them on a daily basis. Once the school day begins, Erin has classroom responsibilities assigned by her supervising teacher, that she eagerly gets busy doing but never before making sure all children are accounted for and are ready to learn! Outside of the classroom, Erin can be seen mid-morning collecting all green breakfast trays and steering the large cart full of trays like a pro! Additionally, Erin is more than willing to step outside of the classroom routine and help school wide with picture day and hearing/vision screenings. She collaborates with the guest agency and facilitates the rotation of classes throughout the day. I cannot think of a time when she has complained or has not been willing to do something while at work. In fact, it's actually the opposite! Throughout this COVID pandemic and during remote learning times, Erin would reach out and ask about how she could help and was so excited to learn she could support in the childcare setting at another school. She engaged in the remote learning platform by supporting the classroom teacher in Seesaw. Erin has a "CAN DO" attitude and a personality that resonates joy, compassion and genuine concern for others. She is a team player, looks forward to socializing with other staff and is simply a fun person to be around! She goes out of her way to check in on others and genuinely cares when she asks you "How are you doing today?" Rest assured, when asked how her day was, she will always say it was GREAT! She routinely ends her day by checking out in the office and always makes time to say good-bye with a smile and can be heard enthusiastically saying, "See you tomorrow!"

Sara Buley, Foreign Language Interpreter, Leon Shao, and Dat Nguyen, both Volunteers, were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Irina Mills, EL Teacher, District Offices because of the following: Sara, Dat, and Leon provide us with an invaluable service as foreign language interpreters for Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese speaking families in our school district. This school year, Sara, Dat, and Leon were instrumental in ensuring meaningful parent engagement by interpreting at parent-teacher conferences, IEP meetings, and making phone calls to parents in a language that they could understand. Thanks to Sara, Dat, and Leon parents of English Learners have a better chance of being equal partners in their children's education and teachers can learn more about multilingual students from these parents. Our interpreters allow us to connect parents and teachers and reach educational goals

for multilingual students. We appreciate them for helping us overcome language barriers and build better relationships!

Mark Dockter and Justus Hilbig, both Custodians, C. M. Russell High School, were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Mike Towne, Activities Coordinator, C. M. Russell High School, because of the following: I have dealt with many fine people at CMR, and both Justus and Mark rank at or near the top of my list. I have worked with Mark during my two years on the job, and he has always been very cooperative, ready and anxious to do the job that is required. And he does the job very well. The same can be said for Justus, who is in his first year at CMR. He responds to job requests quickly and always gets the work done properly, with no complaints. I enjoy doing a lot of tasks, like setting up a radio table in the fieldhouse, but it makes my job easier when something like that has already been done by Mark or Justus. Not only do Mark and Justus work hard and do their jobs well, but they are good guys, gentlemen I enjoy visiting with when they have a few extra minutes. That adds a lot to my job, and I appreciate it!