



Great Falls Public Schools

Good Apple Award Recipients

Christine Ward, Substitute Teacher, District Wide, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Colette Getten, Transitional Kindergarten Coordinator, Early Family Learning Center, because of the following: Christine has been a highly requested sub in classrooms at the Early Learning Family Center. Teachers and paraeducators reserve Christine well in advance of a known absence subbing right up until the end of the school year! When she isn't busy being a grandma, she joins our school family in the special education or transitional kindergarten classroom as a teacher or paraeducator. Christine gets busy right away getting instructional materials ready for the day as requested by teacher or she takes lead and communicates to others what the plan is for the day. She understands the safety concerns regarding recess, bussing and dismissal procedures and makes sure all protocols are implemented with fidelity. She is a reliable, self-starter and teachers report "she just knows what to do" and that makes her stand out in the substitute world! Staff appreciate that Christine can be part of our school family as a substitute at the Early Learning Family Center. Thank you for helping us make ELF a great place to be for students and families.

Jona McNamee, Substitute Teacher, District Wide, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Colette Getten, Transitional Kindergarten Coordinator, Early Family Learning Center, because of the following: Jona has been a "go to" sub in classrooms at the Early Learning Family Center for years. She has successfully completed long-term subbing positions in addition to showing up, after getting a call the morning of, to cover an unexpected absence. Teachers and paraeducators reserve Jona well in advance of a known absence because she is reliable and will follow through once she has committed. As a retired educator, she understands how to follow lesson plans, navigate curriculum resources and deliver quality instruction. Once in the classroom, she gets busy right away collaborating with other building staff to ensure all bases are covered for the day. Jona's interactions with children and families are observed to be kind and genuine. She is a people person and embraces opportunities to support staff at ELF by bringing in baked goods to share and participating in school wide events, even when she is not subbing for the day! She arrives each day with a smile, checks into the office and reports "Good morning, I'm there to cover _____, but you put me wherever you need me most!" Staff appreciate that Jona can be part of our school family as a substitute at the Early Learning Family Center. Thank you for helping us make ELF a great place to be for students and families.