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November 28, 2022 Recipients



**MELANIE KNUTSON, School Registered Nurse, Giant Springs Elementary School**

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Raysha Neuman, 2nd Grade Teacher, Giant Springs Elementary School, because of the following:

*Mel is our school nurse and does a phenomenal job. She is always so kind and positive every day! I see her helping out so much and doing things beyond her normal duties. We are lucky to have her and appreciate all she does!*



**PAMELA MACKIEL, Librarian, Giant Springs Elementary School**

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Lauren Coughlin, 6th Grade Teacher, Giant Springs Elementary School, because of the following:

*This is Pam's first year as a librarian. She has done an outstanding job taking on this huge role. Her love of reading was apparent while she was teaching, and now all students are able to see her love of reading shine through. Pam did a phenomenal job with our Scholastic Book Fair, and she is teaching historical lessons to my 6th grade class. My students are now wanting to read books, based on her lessons. Pam also goes above and beyond by trying to teach lessons that coincide with what we are teaching in class. She is a great resource to have for our teachers. She also was willing to help me out on assessments recently, which was a huge task for her to help me with. Not only is she a fabulous librarian, but she is a great person to talk to. The students feel comfortable to talk to her, and she makes the library a safe, welcoming place. I would like to nominate Pamela Mackiel for the Gold Apple Award to show her how much she is appreciated and how she is a true gem to Giant Springs Elementary School!*



**KATHARINE BEISECKER, Core Teacher Aide, Whittier Elementary School**

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Dean Jardee, Librarian, Whittier Elementary School, because of the following:

*Kat started working at Whittier about a year ago and since then has become our head playground supervisor. She is young in age, but mature in how she accepts responsibility and responds to feedback. Kat went to school at Whittier as a student and understands the unique challenges and situations we deal with at our school. She is patient and understanding, yet firm and consistent with student behavior. Kat is dependable, reliable, and hard-working. I don't hear her complain. She goes right to solution for kids as she moves about the school with her bubbly, upbeat attitude. Today was a great example of how hard-working she is. She was one of four aides who reported to work, and she willingly took on the responsibilities of all those missing and was gracious when others around her assisted and provided support. We are so lucky to have Kat here. She is one of the reasons I like working at Whittier so much!*

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### **TERESA GAY, Food Service Employee, Chief Joseph Elementary School**

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Brian Miller, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following:

*Mrs. Gay works as part of our kitchen support staff and does a wonderful job. Recently, however, she also played the role of a modified First Responder. One of our littles was choking on a grape and Mrs. Gay quickly and efficiently jumped into the situation, dislodged the grape using the Heimlich maneuver, and then, without applause or fanfare, headed back to work. She greets kids with a smile, jokes and jabs with staff, and is willing to step into any situation where help and support are needed. She is one of the best that Chief Jo has to offer, and we are so very thankful to have her on our team. Thank you, Momma T!*



### **RYAN ANDERSON, English Teacher, C.M. Russell High School**

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jim Frahm, Health Enhancement, North Middle School and Leesa Halcro, Social Studies Teacher, East Middle School because of the following:

*We would like to nominate Ryan Anderson for a Good Apple Award. Ryan and the CMR student government team planned and organized the Montana Association of Student Councils Leadership Conference in Great Falls, Montana. Ryan did a great job communicating and getting our local student council groups included and involved. Almost 500 students attended, and 67 schools were represented. Ryan scheduled amazing speakers, like Joe Fingerhut, who connected each young person's heart with a powerful message of hope. Making the decision to follow your heart and pursue your dreams against odds is hard for a young person, especially as many of today's youth face challenges and adversity. Another great speaker was Michael V. Ivanov, a motivational speaker. He revealed how the personal choices we make, the attitudes we carry, and the principles we choose to live by, affect our mental health and performance, and determine the success of our lives and organizations. Finally, Josh Huestis, a local hometown hero wrapped up the conference with a message about deciding to shape and focus on your dreams can help you lead and overcome obstacles. On top of all of this, Ryan planned great venues and embraced our local businesses to really showcase some of what Great Falls has to offer. We appreciate being included and our kids learned so much. Ryan deserves recognition for a Good Apple Award!*



### **ERICA HARP, District Lead School Registered Nurse, Paris Gibson Education Center**

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Student Advocate/Admin Intern, East Middle School, because of the following:

*Erica truly does it all! She has been filling in over at East Middle School and been a true pleasure to work with. Despite it not being her usual building, Erica approaches students with kindness and compassion. Even when it might be the 10th visit from a student that day. She is always great at communicating with staff about coverage, and different medical events going on. She truly is a pleasure to work with and has such a positive attitude!*