

GOOD APPLE AWARDEES

11.14.2022



CARIE MAGERS, Counselor, Great Falls High School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Hailey & David Kemp, Former GFPS students, because of the following:

Mrs. Magers goes above and beyond to make sure every student that walks into her office feels like they are valued, smart, and loved. She supports students with ANYTHING they need. Not only does she leave an impact on students day to day life while at school.....the impact lasts a lifetime. We contribute much of our success to her support when she was our counselor. We both graduated from GFPS 12+ years and still think of her often. My husband once said "She is what every teacher should aspire to be." GFPS is so lucky to have her!



HEIDI RIEGER, Science Teacher, North Middle School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Tara Rosipal, Principal, North Middle School, because of the following:

Each time I walk through Heidi Rieger's classroom, something fun is happening. Heidi demonstrates what great teachers do. She states the lesson objective, tells the students the day plan, and constantly is formally assessing them. I observed her using engagement strategies and checks for understanding every time I am in her classroom. She might use a whole class response or call on one student and have another repeat the answer in a different way. She keeps the students at the "level of concern" to ensure engagement. Heidi understands our unique age group of students. She is compassionate and understanding while holding student accountable. We are lucky to have such a fabulous person working at NMS!



MARY SOMERFELD, Science Teacher, North Middle School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Tara Rosipal, Principal, North Middle School, because of the following:

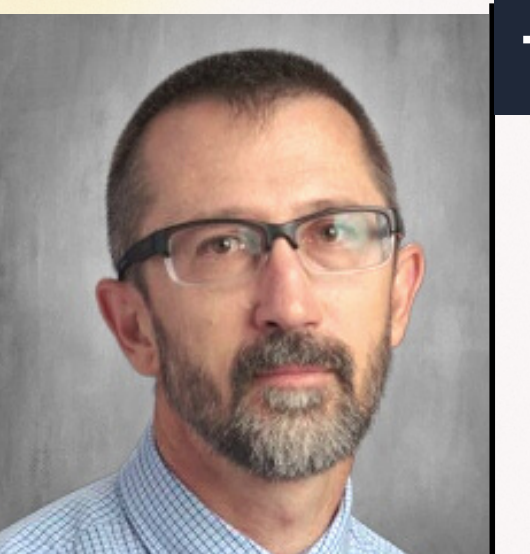
Mrs. Mary Somerfeld is an amazing science teacher at NMS. Her knowledge base and experience benefits every student in class. She is direct when conducting lessons. Students know the lesson objective, are able to explain the purpose of an assignment or activity, and show excitement while learning. Mary creates a positive learning environment that encompasses all learning styles. Mary's passion for teaching and science are apparent. Mary works with our Science Olympiads and Science bowl students in preparation for competitions. She has partnered with our Starbase volunteers who come to NMS to work with the students afterschool. Mary puts in countless hours with students every year. She loves our students and embraces the opportunity to work with them outside of the regular school day. Her teams have won state competitions and gone on to Nationals! Besides teaching, Mary is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs help. She is caring, understanding, and has helped me grow as an administrator. We are lucky to have such a terrific teacher at NMS!



ASHLEY WEAVER, Special Education Paraprofessional, Giant Springs

Recommended for a Good Apple award by Staci Spearing, and Brittani Yoder, both Resource 1 Teachers, Rhonda Zobrak, Principal, all Giant Springs Elementary School, Sandra Boedecker, Sandra Boedecker, School Psychologist, Loy Elementary School, and Jennifer Lambert, Behavior Interventionist, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following:

Ashley has worked diligently through a very difficult situation the first quarter of the school year. She has stepped up and gone above and beyond to assist a student and has been open to feedback and improving her own skills throughout the process. Ashley has assisted with making a significant difference for the student, the class, and the teacher. Ashley is currently taking college courses as well to become a teacher. She will positively influence many children in the future! Thank you, Ashley!



TODD ONDICK, 3rd Grade Teacher, Morningside Elementary School

Recommended for a Good Apple award by Amanda Jensen, School Registered Nurse, Morningside, because of the following:

I believe this teacher truly cares about his students and would do anything he can to help his kiddos succeed in both the classroom and life. He embodies what a truly caring, compassionate, and passionate teacher looks like.