

GOOD



APPLE

STEPHANIE MAJOR

Administrative Assistant, East Middle School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Keely Opdahl, Scheduling Technician, East Middle School, because of the following:

Stephanie stepped into the role of Lead Secretary at EMS a little over a year ago. She has created a warm and positive work environment while maintaining a professional atmosphere. Steph helps students, staff, parents, and anyone else who needs assistance. Steph is an asset to GFPS and especially EMS because of her wealth of knowledge and ease in which she shares her knowledge. She is patient and kind. We are so grateful to work with Steph.



KAY NASH

Food Service Employee, DOB-Warehouse

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jessa Youngers, Supervisor of Food Service, DOB-Warehouse, because of the following:

Kay Nash's official title is Food Service Employee, and her role has been the sole operator of Lucy. That said, she is SO much more. She has served in all positions in our department over the past few years. She willingly bridges the gaps between satellite leads, she fills in for long term vacancies and short notice callouts; often, she begins her day at one school and ends it at another. She is currently filling a vacancy at an elementary with 2 other permanent staff. Last week, both of those staff members had family emergencies that left her manning the ship. She is the #1 requested "sub", always has a positive and willing attitude and she is the epitome of the culture we work to promote, one of teamwork. To express my sincere thanks for all Kay does for the school nutrition program, I nominate her for a Good Apple Awards.





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STACY DOLDERER

Business Teacher, Great Falls High School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicki Dallison,
Business Teacher, Great Falls High School,
because of the following:

This year Stacy took over the department head position for business at GFHS. She also took over the advisor position for BPA (Business Professionals of America) and she has 26 club members that qualified for state competition. Her club members took home over 90 awards at regional competition. She also teaches college credit classes at the high school. She wrote a grant for virtual reality in her technology classrooms and obtained VR headsets and programs for her students!



ATHENA HALL

*Elementary Student Advocate Para
Longfellow Elementary School*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Lexi Bremer,
Kindergarten Teacher, Longfellow Elementary, because of
the following:

Ms. Hall is willing to do anything and everything to help students be successful! She works hard to build relationships with every student she works with! My kindergarten students are excited every time they get to work with Ms. Hall! We are so thankful for Ms. Hall and everything she does for our students!





Recommended for a Good Apple Award by
Tom Moore, Superintendent, District Offices,
because of the following:

Between the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays over 29 individuals and businesses were involved with a "Secret Santa" - filling food pantries in 20 of our schools right before Christmas. Many of them gave \$500, some less and some more than \$500. Each school received \$500 worth of food (the Principals emailed me their exact order of snacks, spaghetti sauce, deodorant) etc., and Becky Nelson, Community Connections Coordinator for GFPS, passed it along to the Secret Santa organizer! Becky and the "Secret Santa" went shopping together and then they delivered food to all schools.

Our generous Secret Santa is Erin Townsend, Business Banking Officer at Bravera Bank in Great Falls! Both women are very deserving of our thanks and deep appreciation for their efforts to make the holidays better for many of the children in our schools. Therefore, please present Becky Nelson and Erin Townsend with the prestigious, GFPS Good Apple Award!



BECKY NELSON
*Community Connections and
Work Force Development
Manager*



ERIN TOWNSEND
Volunteer



KASSANDRA DIXON

Science Teacher, Great Falls High School,



Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jana Mora,
Technology Integration Coach, Great Falls High School,
because of the following:

Although this is her first year at Great Falls High, Kassie is already making a huge impact in the classroom and on the court. She is always looking for a way to connect with students in her classroom - from relationship and confidence building activities to her innovative teaching strategies, she works hard to help students understand the importance of science and math in their daily lives. Additionally, her work with our freshman girls' basketball team has taught her players valuable life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship. We are proud to have her as part of the Bison Family and want to acknowledge the positive impact she has had on the lives of our students!



JENNIFER DUDA

English Teacher, East Middle School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sabrina Scott, 6th
Grade Teacher, Lewis & Clark, because of the following:

Mrs. Duda makes 7th Grade English students feel welcome and loved. She has the ability to connect with students using her fun sense of humor and wit. I appreciate her patience and consistency with kid's academics and behaviors. Middle school can be a difficult experience for some students, and I know she has helped make my daughter's experience this year wonderful! Thank you, Mrs. Duda!



HARRISON FAULK

Assistant Trainer, C. M. Russell High School



Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Rhema Pace,
CMR Rustler Girls Basketball, C. M. Russell High School,
because of the following:

Harrison is an amazing trainer. He has come into our program for only a short amount of time but has done extraordinary things. He has given 110% to all the athletic programs while he has been here. He is dedicated to his job and every single athlete. He meets each one of us at our level with understanding, empathy compassion and expertise. He continues to go the extra mile every single day. He does the little things that no one sees. For example, he gives us water at every time out and break, he has stayed late to rebound for me, he has stayed late to help other athletes with things, he is continually making sure we are all healthy to perform at our best. All of these extra "things" that he does is not in his job title. He does this because he cares about the athletes and CMR. He is our biggest fan. He is always encouraging and always has a smile on his face. We are so excited for him to leave and follow his dream, but we are very sad to see him go. He has made a such a positive impact at CMR and will be greatly missed.

JACK SHULTZ

Science Teacher, Great Falls High School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jana Mora,
Technology Integration Coach, Great Falls High School, because
of the following:

Jack has only been at Great Falls High for a few months and is already making strides with our freshman students! Jack works hard to develop positive and lasting relationships with students, connecting beyond the just the science classroom. He also works with students on the football field and is coaching track and field this Spring. In addition to his work with students, he is committed to the success of other teachers in his department through his collaboration with new and veteran teachers ensuring the continued success of the Earth and Space program at GFH. We are excited that Jack has joined our Bison Family!





TRACE HART

*3rd Grade Teacher
Sunnyside Elementary School*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Megan Schaak, 3rd Grade, Sunnyside Elementary School, because of the following:

Day in and day out, Trace 21 shows up to work ready to dedicate herself to her students. Her attention to detail and ability to infuse lessons with the upmost passion makes her an excellent educator. I am lucky to teach with such a great person.

CHAD EUERLE

*1st Engineer
Riverview Elementary School*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Interim Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following:

I had the pleasure of working with Chad when he was at East, and now have the wonderful opportunity to work with Chad at Riverview. Chad is the 1st Engineer and is always willing to offer support. In my role I am navigating many pieces, and he is always patient with my endless questions. He is willing to support with anything that I come to him with. Recently, we had a safety concern with a student and Chad's quick thinking supported with making sure we had a seamless entrance back into the building. Chad always communicates well with me and makes sure I know what is going on throughout the building. I appreciate his dedication to the building and patience with me. Thanks for all you do, Chad!

HEATHER WRIGHT

*Elementary Student Advocate Para
Riverview Elementary School*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Interim Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following:

Heather has a positive attitude and ALWAYS has a smile on her face. She jumps in to support without hesitation and is always problem solving with the student in mind. Recently we had a couple teachers out, and Heather-with a smile-agreed to cover a room. She is always a great support and willing to do this. Heather also made it a point while covering the classroom to make sure she could support with some of the students she checks in with a regular basis. She is an asset to Riverview and greatly appreciated.



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JESSICA HOLT ANETTA BOWMAN

Core Teacher Aides

CARLA MCCARTHY

Elementary Student Advocate Para

All Sunnyside Elementary School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Ashley Munden, Kindergarten Teacher, Sunnyside Elementary School, because of the following:

Our aides always seem to be short staffed. These ladies continually show up to work, have a willingness to help out where needed, and maintain a positive work environment. Their hard work is seen by many.

CARLA HINOJOSA GLORIA REEVES TINA THOME SHELI BECK DEBBIE SKINNER

*All Food Service Employees
North Middle School*

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Mary Langendorff, Satellite Kitchen Lead II, North Middle School, because of the following:

I would like to nominate my kitchen staff for the good apple awards, they are always willing and ready to serve our kids here at North with a smile and nice words. Some of the hardest working gals around... Carla Hinojosa, Gloria Reeves, Tina Thome, Sheli Beck, Debbie Skinner!!!!

BRENDA IVERSON

Core Teacher Aide

LEXI BREMER

Kindergarten Teacher

KEVIN LAPPE

1st Engineer

All Longfellow Elementary School

Recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jessa Youngers, Supervisor of School Foods, DOB-Warehouse, because of the following:

On Thursday, January 26th, the office at Longfellow called the School Nutrition Department office to report that no food service staff had arrived at work to prepare and serve breakfast. Upon arrival a Longfellow, we discovered three individuals busy filling baskets and bags with the days breakfast. Kevin had working knowledge of the process so was able to step in and get breakfast going with the help of Brenda and Lexi. I would like each of these individuals to be recognized for their actions on Thursday. They exemplify the meaning of teamwork by going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that students were not impacted by the staffing situation. Brenda, Lexi, and Kevin - thank you!