

GOOD



APPLE

AWARD

December 12, 2022 Recipients



ERIN TOWNSEND, Volunteer

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Stacey Jones, MS Transitional Coord (Title 1), East Middle School, because of the following:

Erin always steps up to help us out at the East Middle School food pantry by getting donations and shopping each time needed. She has reached out for donations to help us fill holiday dinner boxes on more than one occasion and for our latest and greatest school wide food drive. Erin goes above and beyond to help us help our families and it is appreciated by all. Thank you, Erin! From the East food pantry!



STACEY JONES, MS Transitional Coordinator (Title I), East Middle School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Stephen Yates, Associate Principal, East Middle School, because of the following:

Stacey is instrumental in East Middle School's Food Pantry. She handed out several food baskets and always is willing to go above and beyond. She is able to navigate the challenging world that many of our student's live in. She always is positive and is a great employee. She understands that some of our students have unique needs and is always willing to think of ways to help. We couldn't do it without her. I proudly nominate her for a Good Apple Award.



KAYTE HOWELL, Instructional Coach, East Middle School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Stephen Yates, Associate Principal, East Middle School, because of the following:

Kayte is the glue that keeps our building together. She is in a difficult position that makes her part staff and part admin. She wears both hats magnificently. She takes on any task and does it to perfection. She offers gentle nudges that keep us going. She is student focused and understands the best practices that our students need. She is also a great resource for 16 our staff. She works tirelessly to come up with PLC trainings, grant paperwork and many other thankless tasks that keep East running smoothly. I am proud to work with her and proud to nominate her for a Good Apple Award.



CHARLENE AMMONS, Technology Integration Coach, District Offices

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Lyndsey Stulc, Principal, West Elementary School, because of the following:

Charlene has been an invaluable resource helping West teachers implement the new curriculum while I started the year on maternity leave. She has gone above and beyond with a grade level that has presented challenges, providing support to both staff AND students. She has built solid relationships with students at that grade level and provides ongoing support to them. She recently helped my grade level team and I departmentalize, which took much planning with schedules and instructional planning. Charlene has integrated herself at West and goes far above the coaching role. She is very appreciated!



RYAN FAULK, 5th Grade Teacher, Riverview Elementary School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Ellen Coogan, Substitute Teacher, District Wide because of the following:

I was the first substitute teacher of the year for Mr. Faulk's 5th grade class at Riverview Elementary. In my ten years of subbing, I have never had a class as well behaved as his class! Their level of maturity and respect for their teacher shown in everything they did. Case in point would be, "Mrs. C I am done with my math, I can help anyone who needs it". That certainly warmed my heart. Thank you, Mr. Faulk for allowing me to have your amazing class! And thank you 5th grade students for being an awesome class!



ELIZABETH QUINBY, Strings Teacher; JAMES MEPHAM, Band Teacher; EMILY SCHAUER, Vocal/Guitar Teacher; PATRICK RYAN, Vocal Music Teacher; and BRIDGER LUTZ, Drama Teacher – all Great Falls High School

were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Robert and Ellen Coogan, Substitute Teachers, District Wide, because of the following:

We were in awe of the magnificent job done by the Music Department and Drama Department of GFHS in their rendition of "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"! Their hard work and dedication shown throughout the program. It was pure enjoyment had by all! Thank you to these 5 teachers for showing us all the "Mighty Bison" tradition of a "job well done"!



LINDA SULLIVAN, DECA Store Attendant, C.M. Russell High School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Lynette Copp, Core Teacher Aide, C. M. Russell High School, because of the following:

Linda Sullivan greatly deserves a Good Apple award for her 30+ years of running the DECA Store at CMR High School. She is always so friendly with the students and remembers what so many of them get on a daily basis. She works hard to keep the snacks stocked for everyone. On popcorn days she comes in early to get it popping. She works hard to keep prices affordable for the kids, and shops on her own time for the sales on items for the store. We all love and appreciate Linda!



MATT WAVRA, 1st Engineer, Mountain View Elementary School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jennifer Martyn, Principal, Mountain View Elementary School because of the following:

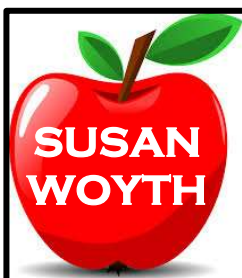
Matt is the best Engineer a principal or building could have, he is consistently dependable and reliable with an amazing, positive attitude. He has served our building throughout COVID and has been flexible with the constant ongoing changes to protocols within the building. He is organized and has great ideas he shares to help increase school safety and efficiency. This year has been an additional challenge as rooms were moved during the summer break and then twice more during the school year with the hire of 3 additional teachers. Even though I begin to cringe when letting him know about an idea I have that will have a major impact on him, he will respond, "Okay, we've got this!" His positivity in and around the building helps me and others to keep our chins up when we are faced with some of the "opportunities" our students of trauma provide to us. Often times these "opportunities" mean more work for him, but he accepts the duty and moves on. Matt is extremely helpful to students and staff in the lunchroom, often helping with tasks that he could easily ignore, or claim are not his responsibility. I get a kick out of watching him chuckle at something a kid says or does, he is a great fit with elementary-aged children. Matt is someone you look forward to seeing at work each day and is greatly missed on the rare occasion he is not in the building. He has a wonderful rapport with students and our staff appreciate him greatly. Matt is dedicated to doing his best every day and the building shows it! Matt, Mountain View students and staff are so lucky to have you!



AMY SCHOENEN, Counselor, Mountain View Elementary School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jennifer Martyn, Principal, Mountain View Elementary School, because of the following:

The Monday after Thanksgiving break a student shared the devastating news that she had discovered her father had passed away unexpectedly on Thanksgiving morning. Mrs. Schoenen was quick to make sure the child's immediate needs were met and that she would feel safe in a space at school. Mrs. Schoenen then swiftly followed all protocols by notifying me the principal, the child's mom, and the child's teachers. Within the first 30 minutes of school, she had made sure to follow district protocols by contacting the counselors in our feeder schools and she had advocated for counseling through Andrea Savage and our school mental health therapist. Mrs. Schoenen did all of this based on her knowledge, experience, and empathy towards the child. Mrs. Schoenen innately knew exactly what to do without any needed direction. She worked with the best of integrity to make sure all students' needs were met, not just for the child in our own building, but for the children affected in our feeder schools. Mrs. Schoenen's colleagues came to me that day with praise for her and all she had done so quickly for this child and their family. Mountain View students and staff benefit from her humor and her excellence as a counselor. Mrs. Schoenen has the heart to work with Mountain View students and is a huge advocate for their needs. Mountain View could not have a better Counselor than Mrs. Schoenen!



KERRY DATTILO, HR Director; SUSAN WOYTH, Compensation Specialist; HEATHER SPURZEM, Benefits Analyst/HR Lead; SANDY BENNETT, Recruitment Specialist; SHANNON MCKIERNAN, HR Admin Asst; and NICOLE LAMELIN, Personnel Technician – Human Resources, District Office Bldg.

were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Patrick Brennan, Programmer/Operator, District Offices Annex, because of the following:

Human Resources is the team behind the team. In post-pandemic, New World changes, the importance of human resource personnel has reached a new level of significant value. The people of any organization or business rely on HR for positive workplace culture, team building, and representing the peoples' interests through negotiations, time off, and other vital aspects to employee retention. The HR team at GFPS is unmatched in their kindness, positivity, work ethic, and active participation in the workplace culture of DOB and GFPS at large. Through their everyday actions and behaviors, the ladies of HR provide significant cost reduction to our district in retention rate, hiring, training, and most importantly, being valued, seen, and appreciated as a human being. Your contributions to our GFPS District cannot be understated and are perhaps invaluable. It is an honor to work with such a high-quality staff. Keep up the amazing work, ladies!



KYLE FLOOD and PAUL BLYSTONE, Custodians, East Middle School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Brad Barringer, Principal, along with the entire Staff at East Middle School because of the following:

We typically have a crew of six engineers cleaning, for a number day these two outstanding employees cleaned out entire building as a two-man super crew. It's difficult to understand how impressive these two were. Not only did they get their own runs complete, but they did a great job cleaning and preparing the rest of our large building. What is typically challenging for a six-man crew they did for a number of nights as a two-man crew. Their commitment to make sure our teachers and staff were taken care of was incredible. We have become accustomed to both of these employee's being top-notch and stalwart in their commitment to go above and beyond. Our Staff appreciates their "old school work ethic" and wants to honor both Kyle and Paul not just for their work, but also as great individuals. Without Kyle and Paul's dedication we would have been floundering. Instead, they made sure everyone in our building was able to teach in a clean environment that was ready for learning. Thank you to Kyle and Paul for their hard work and dedication!





PATTY BROESDER, *Print Center Technician Lead*; HEATHER ASHBY and HEATHER NELSON, both *Print Center Technicians* – all DOB Warehouse Bldg.

were recommended for a Good Apple Award by Dennis Martin, Administrative Assistant, District Office Building, because of the following:

I can't say enough good things about the excellent work these 3 do on a daily basis. If a job is needed in a pinch, and in my department that's the norm, they always come through. Their work is outstanding and done without hesitation. They always greet you with a smile and are an asset that needs to be recognized for their contribution to this office and the Great Falls Public School District as a whole.



ELAINE NUTTER, *2nd Grade Teacher*, 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:

Elaine has been so welcoming and helpful since I first started at Giant Springs. She is a wealth of knowledge, and many people seek her out for help with challenging situations. Additionally, she goes above and beyond for the kids in her classroom! She is fun and great teaching partner to have and I'm grateful to work with her.



BRISANA CHAMPLIN, *Crossing Guard*, Longfellow Elementary School

was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nikki Davalos, Community Member, because of the following:

I drive down 9th St S every week and she is waving happily and keeping kids safe no matter the weather. It was pouring rain and I was bummed thinking our car wouldn't be getting the morning wave but there she was chipper as ever waving at every passing car. I think it's amazing she can be so present for the children and people passing her each day.