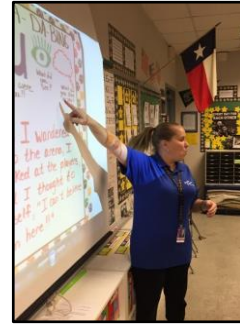


Pictured above: Principal Vivian Lincoln, Heartbeat winner Becky Barton, Dr. Dan Powell and Assistant Principal Raymond Reed-Pouncy



Becky Barton Wins Crowley ISD Heartbeat Team Award

Becky Barton, a fourth grade teacher at Jackie Carden Elementary School, has been selected as the Crowley ISD Heartbeat Team Award winner for September. Ms. Barton has been at Jackie Carden for all 16 years of her career. She even completed her student teaching at Jackie Carden and says, "There's no other place I'd rather teach than at Jackie Carden."

When you walk into Ms. Barton's classroom, you will find the walls covered with Dallas Stars memorabilia. Ms. Barton uses her passion for hockey as a teaching tool to help reach her students and help them learn. She finds creative ways to work hockey into almost every lesson plan, from science and math to reading and writing.

Students in Ms. Barton's class also participate in the Dallas Stars *Stick with Reading* program. Her class will be competing against other students from across the Metroplex during the month of November to read the most books. The winning class will be recognized at a hockey game at the American Airlines Center.

Karen Lackey had Ms. Barton in her class at Jackie Carden as a student teacher. "From a student perspective, I immediately loved her, and I know that this is mostly because she made me feel loved," said Ms. Lackey. "I know that without a doubt, she makes every single one of her students she's had since her student teaching days feel the exact same way I have felt. She truly goes above and beyond to make each one of her students know that they are loved and belong in her classroom."

"Becky has an amazing relationship with her students each year and their behavior is always outstanding," wrote another teacher.

This year, Ms. Barton put together a presentation to help all of the teachers at Jackie Carden during the first weeks of school. She discussed strategies for building relationships with students and behavior management.

"I love that she shared her ideas with all of us teachers," wrote one educator at Jackie Carden. "I used all of them in my first few weeks and it really helped."

"Becky is very selfless and kind," said one team member. "If you ever meet her you will feel her compassion and love of being the best teacher she can be."

The Heartbeat Team Award is sponsored in part by Crowley ISD community partners [EECU](#) and [Inspire Salon/Spa](#). Ms. Barton received a \$50 Visa gift card courtesy of EECU and a spa gift card for a custom facial courtesy of Inspire Salon/Spa.

Becky Barton will be recognized at the Crowley ISD Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, September 24.