

*Chief Joseph*

**LAURA AUVIL  
LAURYN HART  
BOBBIE CLUM  
HEAVEN MULLINS**

*Lincoln*

**STEVE YATES  
JILL CHRISTENSEN  
ASHLIE CLARK  
LAUREN TROVATTEN**

*Riverview*

**KELCI EISENBARTH  
CHAD EUERLE  
CHRISTINA FRIES**

*North Middle School*

**JULIE CISLER  
TARA HAGEMAN**

**MEAGHAN RATTLINGTAIL**

*Great Falls High School*

**DOLLY (EVA) LAPIERRE**

*Early Learning Family Center*




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# **GOOD APPLE AWARDEES**

*Thank you for your amazing service!*







**Laura Auvil, Core Teacher Aide, Chief Joseph Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Laura Auvil is one of Chief Joseph's core aides. She goes above and beyond each day to help out in any way that she can. Her holiday program backdrop design and efforts during the weeks leading up to Christmas to help out with all of the extra projects were unparalleled. I have had to do very little by way of teaching behavior intervention to her. She quite independently takes care of all of her duties with dedication and does so without complaint. I so appreciate her leadership as she has helped to shape an amazing teaching aide crew!

**Lauryn Hart, Sub Teacher Aide, Chief Joseph Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Lauryn Hart is one of Chief Joseph's sub aides. She goes above and beyond each day to help out in any way that she can. She is working as a cosmetologist building her clientele and does this while still coming into Chef Joseph most Tuesdays Thursdays. Her efforts during the weeks leading up to Christmas to help out with all of the extra projects were unparalleled. She quite independently takes care of all of her duties and does so without complaint. I so appreciate her steadfast commitment to Chief Jo and the consistency she continues to bring to the team.

**Bobbie Clum, Para Educator, Chief Joseph Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Bobbie Clum is one of our para educators who also serves as our student advocate. She does an amazing job of connecting with staff and kids. This is evidenced by the joy in her voice when she talks with kids and by her charismatic laugh. Bobbie supports our building in multiple settings whether it be in the office, lunchroom, playground, or in one of our Resource classrooms. She wears a slew of hats, and they all look good on her! We are lucky to have you, Bobbie!

**Heaven Mullins, Core Teacher Aide, Chief Joseph Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Heaven Mullins is our only returning member to Chief Joseph's core aide team. She also serves as a HANDS teacher before and after school in our building. She helps out in any way that she can, and she does everything she can to plan engaging art and holiday activities to keep kids engaged and things fresh, avoiding just putting them in front of a Promethean board to watch a show. Her efforts during the weeks leading up to Christmas to help out with all of the extra projects were unparalleled. She takes care of all of her duties and does so without complaint. I appreciate her commitment to Chief Jo and the consistency she continues to bring to the team.







**Steve Yates, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: Jerry and I had a chance to go to Lincoln Elementary to visit and observe my grandson in a Health Enhancement Kindergarten Class. From the minute we walked into the school we were welcomed by Mr. Yates and Mrs. Clark, with a smile and nice welcome and visit. Did you know that Mr. Yates even hustled out to the playground for a recess with a coat and hat in hand, to help out on the playground. Often times that doesn't happen. Thanks, Mr. Yates, I bet your playground aides really appreciated that as well. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!

**Jill Christensen, Kindergarten Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jill Christensen (our grandson's kindergarten teacher). We got to walk down the hall to see her room. The room was so nicely decorated, with lots of fun, exciting posters and learning projects on the walls, I could tell she has great organizational skills, a gift for teaching, and is a very "special" person. Jerry and I were very impressed with Mrs. Christensen. I could tell she was just perfect for our Grandson, and I know he is going to learn a lot this year. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!

**Ashlie Clark, Administrative Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: Jerry and I had a chance to go to Lincoln Elementary to visit and observe my grandson in a Health Enhancement Kindergarten Class. From the minute we walked into the school we were welcomed by Mr. Yates and Mrs. Clark, with a smile and nice welcome and visit. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!

**Lauren Trovatten, Health Enhancement Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School**, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: We went to the gym and introduced ourselves to Mrs. Lauren Trovatten and we got to watch a very talented gym teacher. I was so impressed with her lesson. She incorporated counting skills with fun music, warmup and exercises, during the game time she incorporated soccer skills (kicking, passing, and scoring) for this age level, (which can sometimes be very difficult for this age level), but they handled it very well. Mrs. Trovatten also incorporated "Colors" for the students to know where to stand in their lines. She would call their name and say go to Red, Blue, Green, etc... Trust me when I say this, there are not many gym teachers that can do that as well as she did. She concluded her lesson with a "slow" down and a calming affect, so they were ready to get back in line quietly to leave the gym. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!





**Kelci Eisenbarth**, Resource I Teacher, Riverview Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following: Teachers in Special Education truly go above and beyond, and Kelci is no exception to this. The passion that Kelci has for her job, and the students is second to none. I have had the pleasure of watching Kelci continue to grow in her role as a Resource teacher and continue to foster meaningful relationships with the staff within the building. She is an asset to our building, and always willing to step in where help is needed.

**Chad Euerle**, First Engineer, Riverview Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following: As our First Engineer Chad fulfils all of the duties that are within his job description. He ensures that the heat is running properly, the building is clean, and the area is safe for students. However, Chad will often go above and beyond his usual daily duties to help staff out. He has zero hesitation to step in when a teacher makes a call for an issue within the classroom, helping our teacher aides out when a ball goes flying down the street, and most recently he really showed his true heart for helping people. Chad without hesitation was willing to take over items to West Elementary that were part of our Holiday gift baskets. This was completed on his own time, because he knew the time crunch and wanted to make sure the families were supported. I appreciate Chad's passion for our school, and I appreciate the work he does.

**Christina Fries**, Core Teacher Aide, Riverview Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following: Teacher aides certainly make a HUGE difference in the smooth running of a building, and Tina is definitely a key player in the overall success. At times, adjustments have to be made to the schedule to ensure that we are providing safe and appropriate supervision for students. Without hesitation Tina stepped up and stepped in to make the change in the schedule a seamless process. When there was hesitation of how it would look, Tina took the initiative to problem solve and provide opportunity for everyone to feel successful in the situation. I appreciate Tina's willingness to adapt to the situation and have a positive outlook.

**Julie Cisler**, Resource I Teacher, North Middle School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Amanda Haas, Resource I Teacher, North Middle School, because of the following: Ms. Cisler consistently goes the extra mile for her students. Her efforts have improved student outcomes and fostered a more inclusive school environment.

**Tara Hageman**, PTA Treasurer, North Middle School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by April Wavra, Academic Intervention Teacher, North Middle School, because of the following: I am honored to write this letter in support of Tara Hageman as a candidate for a Good Apple Award. Tara is an integral member of the North Middle School community, serving as the secretary of the PTA board and going above and beyond her responsibilities. In addition to her role as secretary, Tara dedicates countless hours to supporting our school's food pantry. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, she has been at North Middle School two to three times a week, tirelessly working to ensure that our families have the resources they need. Her efforts include stocking and organizing the food pantry, wrapping presents, and preparing food boxes. Tara's dedication and hard work embody the qualities of service and commitment that make her a vital part of our school community. Her contributions have made a difference in the lives of many families, and her kindness inspires everyone around her. North Middle School is incredibly fortunate to have someone like Tara.

**Meaghan Rattlingtail**, Attendance Secretary, Great Falls High School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Paul Culbertson, Associate Principal, Great Falls High School, and Mindy Kiser, parent, Great Falls High School, because of the following: I'd also like to pass along that your attendance person has been lovely. I am sorry that I did not catch her name through the multiple conversations both I and my husband have had with her. Please pass along my kudos to her. I don't know if you still do Good Apple Awards, but I'd love to nominate her for one if possible. I agree with Mindy that Meaghan is great and definitely deserves a good apple.

**Dolly (Eva) Lapierre**, Paraprofessional, Early Learning Family Center, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Colette Getten, Early Education Coordinator, Early Learning Family Center, because of the following: I nominate Dolly (Eva) Lapierre for the Good Apple Award. As an early learning paraeducator, Eva consistently goes above and beyond in her role, demonstrating exceptional dedication and generosity. Eva has written grants to secure valuable learning materials for all classrooms, ensuring that students have access to enriching resources. In addition to her grant-writing efforts, she frequently uses her own money and creative talents to craft center materials that enhance the learning experience. Beyond her professional contributions, Eva fosters a warm and supportive environment for our staff. Her thoughtful gestures, such as baking special treats and meals for staff, brighten our days and reflect her kind and giving spirit! Eva's commitment to her students and colleagues exemplifies the values of care and community that the Good Apple Award seeks to celebrate. She truly makes a positive impact on everyone around her. Miss Eva makes the Early Learning Family Center a great place to BEE!



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