

Chouteau Principal Anjanette Smith Named Administrator of the Year



Feb. 27, 2025- Chouteau Elementary Principal Anjanette Smith is named Administrator of the Year by the Greater Kansas City School Counselor Association. Smith was surprised with the announcement during a scheduled fire drill at the school with students, faculty, and staff all sharing in the excitement of the honor.

Smith, who has served as the principal of Chouteau Elementary School in the North Kansas City School District for eight years was recognized for her support and advocacy of the school's counseling program as an administrator. The GKCSA award was based on personal letters submitted by Chouteau staff members. This award shows and represents her dedication to the school community, her value of mental health services for our students and staff, and her heart as a leader.

After learning of the recognition Smith shared, "I am truly honored to receive the Greater Kansas City School Counselor Association Administrator of the Year award today. Chouteau is such a special place to lead, and this recognition is a testament to the incredible team I have beside me. The fact that my amazing counselor and staff pulled off this surprise in less than 12 hours is beyond impressive! Everything aligned perfectly—the beautiful weather, our already-scheduled fire drill, and the added touches of confetti, music, flowers, and so many heartfelt hugs. Ending it all with the final "all clear" made for the most memorable fire drill yet!"

GKCSA consists of the school districts of Excelsior Springs, Kearney, Liberty, North Kansas City, Smithville, Park Hill, Platte County R-III, Pleasant Hill, Belton, Raymore-Peculiar and all schools in Jackson County.

GKCSA is one of the twelve district organizations within the Missouri School Counselors Association.