

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for January 2022

Franklinville Elementary School - Jesse German

Jesse German’s joyful spirit can be seen in many areas and is truly contagious. She brightens the day of those around her with her smile and kindness. Ms. German always goes above and beyond for her students and the school. She challenges her students to do their best, supporting them every step of the way. Not only did Ms. German host a student teacher this year, but when her teammate was absent for an extended time due to family illness, she went above the call of duty. Ms. German took on the responsibility for the entire grade level by teaching the other fifth grade class. In addition, she graded papers and completed report cards and interim reports for both classes. Ms. German leads with her heart and sees the good in all of those around her. We are blessed to have Jesse German at Franklinville Elementary School and are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for January.

Grays Chapel Elementary School - Renee Leonard

Renee Leonard, teacher assistant, constantly moves about the school to serve multiple grade levels each and every day. She goes above and beyond, even at the last minute, to serve and help as needed. Mrs. Leonard is always willing to assist teachers and other staff, no matter the need, and is willing to drive or monitor a bus. She is always willing to provide a hand with any extra responsibility, including covering any extra duty that needs assistance or coverage, and subbing in a classroom at the last minute. Mrs. Leonard knows all students and stretches herself in every direction to help where needed and never complains when asked. Her dedication and compassion for our students, staff, and school are greatly appreciated. Grays Chapel Elementary School is very fortunate to have Renee Leonard as part of our school’s Blue Hawk community and is honored to recognize her as our STAR Employee for January.

Level Cross Elementary School - Sherrie Thorpe

Sherrie Thorpe is a master teacher. She excels in all areas of the curriculum and gives 110% every day with her students. For several years, Mrs. Thorpe has taught in an inclusive first grade classroom, including students with special needs such as autism. She teaches with a great sense of urgency and is always willing to have other teachers come in for observations to learn from her best practices. Mrs. Thorpe does all of this with a kind and caring disposition, and observers can sense the close knit community she creates in her classroom. She loves and cares for her students and it shows in everything she says and does. We consider ourselves very lucky to have Sherrie Thorpe teaching our Level Cross Lions every day, and we are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for January.

Liberty Elementary School - Liz Fox

What is most remarkable about Liz Fox, kindergarten teacher, is that while she is facing her own challenges, she remembers to lift up her colleagues around her. Mrs. Fox has faced her own hills to climb as a beginning kindergarten teacher, but always remembers to maintain a positive spirit and encourage those around her. She works long hours and goes to great lengths to make sure her students have special opportunities for learning and growth. In addition, as the mother of three sons, Mrs. Fox is an active parent, helping to support the efforts at other area schools. Liz Fox’s co-workers are proud to have her represent Liberty Elementary School as our STAR Employee for January.

Northeastern Randolph Middle School - Danny Shaw

Danny Shaw is a hard worker who takes care of everyone in the building in a timely manner with a smile on his face. He takes pride in his work and pays attention to detail. Mr. Shaw always checks on staff to make sure they have what they need, even if it means stopping what he is doing to help. He is kind and polite to everyone, and is an integral part of our school. Mr. Shaw never complains and is always willing to do what is needed to make our school the best. Students are at the heart of what Mr. Shaw does, and he always looks for ways to encourage them to be their best. He has a giving attitude and a kind spirit. Northeastern Randolph Middle School is blessed to have Danny Shaw as our head custodian, and we congratulate him on being selected our STAR Employee for January.

Providence Grove High School - Jacob Parrish

Jacob Parrish, Intervention Assistant and coach at Providence Grove High School, embodies the characteristics of the Randolph County School System STAR Employee. He is always willing to assist staff and students in various capacities on campus. Mr. Parrish's willingness to go above and beyond expectations is appreciated. Beyond his primary role as Intervention Assistant, he has helped in the front office, driven morning bus routes, coached four teams over the past year, and served as a substitute teacher. Mr. Parrish has an incredible work ethic and takes on new challenges with a can-do attitude. He always has an encouraging word for our students. He inspires the students he coaches to work collaboratively and instills a sense of unity. He is a leader in the classroom and on the field. We are honored to have Jacob Parrish represent Providence Grove High School as our STAR Employee for January.

Ramseur Elementary School - Von Whitley

Von Whitley is a very dedicated employee; she puts much pride into her job and cares about the health of every student. She is a great leader for the cafeteria staff and always strives to make the school a better place for students. Ms. Whitley greets students with a smile and consistently interacts with every student and staff member in a kind and caring manner. She has faced many challenges this year, but she continuously maintains a positive outlook. She ensures all meals meet time and safety standards, works diligently to find replacements for meals when items are not available, and has maintained an overall positive attitude. We recognize Von Whitley for all of her hard work and dedication to the staff and students of Ramseur Elementary School and are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for January.

Randleman Elementary School - Debbie Sutphin

Debbie Sutphin has provided support as an instructional assistant for years at Randleman Elementary School for both students and staff. She makes it a priority to create and maintain relationships with students, especially on the bus she drives. Ms. Sutphin is always in motion, working tirelessly to provide support and encouragement to both staff and students. Randleman Elementary School is blessed to have Debbie Sutphin as part of our Tiger Nation and is proud to name her our STAR Employee for January.

Randleman High School - Roxanna Chester

Roxanna Chester, first-year biology teacher in our science department, has dedicated herself to growing and learning as an educator. She has spent countless hours designing lessons, searching out strategies and suggestions, and working to provide her students with the best education possible. According to one of her students, Mrs. Chester is a teacher who cares about you as a person and your performance in her classroom, and who makes you feel welcome. Patient and hardworking are words students use to describe her. As a colleague, Mrs. Chester is open to new ideas and always willing to pitch in to help. Her smile lights up her classroom and brightens her students' day. Randleman High School and its students are lucky to have Roxanna Chester as a teacher, role model, and staff member, and we are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for January.

Randleman Middle School - Sean Fitzgibbon

Serving others before oneself is a mantra we all know; yet, when it comes to Sean Fitzgibbon, the notion of service has transformed into action. When one walks the corridors of Randleman Middle School (RMS), it is easy to find his gracious imprint nearly everywhere. For instance, alongside Beta Club members, Mr. Fitzgibbon spent an entire weekend beautifying the exterior of the campus. Soon after, he reimaged the school's trophy cases into nostalgic showcases of pride. What makes these examples powerful is that Mr. Fitzgibbon modeled the act of service for the students of RMS - an impression that has the power to last a lifetime. Beyond this, Mr. Fitzgibbon leads a rich classroom experience focused on the subject's nuances and student growth, and is always willing to lend a hand to his fellow teachers. Therefore, Randleman Middle School's great honor is to select Sean Fitzgibbon as our STAR Employee for January.