

# Randolph County School System

## “STAR<sup>3</sup> Students” for March 2023



### **Archdale Elementary School - Connor Spence - 4th Grade**

Connor Spence is the epitome of a well-rounded scholar. He has a positive attitude towards learning and strives to do his best in all that he does. He never complains when things become challenging. Instead, he works harder to meet the expectations. Connor has a huge heart and always tries to ensure all students feel accepted and a part of the Archdale family. He is kind and supportive to those who need extra encouragement. As a result, he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers, as well as his teachers. Archdale Elementary School is proud of Connor Spence for being honored as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

### **Hopewell Elementary School - Norah Wymer - 3rd Grade**

When you think of someone who strives to always do her best, works hard even when things are difficult, is consistently respectful, responsible, and a delight to know, Norah Wymer is that someone. Norah embodies what we all strive to be, both young and old. She has a demeanor that attracts others, is willing to help, asks questions, and does not give up. As a learner, Norah earns each success through hard work and determination. When we say our children are our future, rest assured, with Norah at the helm, we are in good hands. This honor is well deserved, and we congratulate Norah Wymer on being chosen Hopewell Elementary School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

### **John Lawrence Elementary School - Payton Hucks - 5th Grade**

Payton Hucks is a friend to everyone. She always wears a sweet, quiet smile and respects both her classmates and teachers. Payton is very conscientious about her school work and puts forth her best effort in everything she does. Way to go, Payton Hucks. We are very happy to have you at John Lawrence Elementary School and are very proud to choose you as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

### **New Market Elementary School - Colton Edwards - 5th Grade**

Colton Edwards has a “never give up” attitude, an ability to always smile (no matter the circumstance), and a determination to be the best he can be. Colton is always positive, has a happy demeanor, can make anyone laugh, and loves to smile. He always is willing to try new things and never gives up when things become difficult. Whether encountering a new concept in math or learning vocabulary words in science, Colton works hard to succeed. He is a great friend to his peers, an excellent helper to adults, and serves as a great example of responsibility and leadership. He never gives up, asks great questions, and brings a positive (and silly) energy to class. We are proud to have Colton Edwards represent New Market Elementary School as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

**Randolph Early College High School - Madeline McGraw - 10th Grade**

Madeline McGraw is an inspiration to students and staff at Randolph Early College High School. She faces each day with a smile, warm greetings, and a positive attitude. It is a joy to see Madeline and discuss her impeccable attire, topped by a pair of unique earrings and always matching toe socks. Her positive attitude is a daily source of encouragement. Despite challenges, Madeline soars academically, is involved in various clubs, and is a talented writer for the school newspaper. One teacher comments, "She puts a smile on my face every morning, she inspires me to be better each day. She is resilient, unbelievably hardworking, modest, respectful, honest, always ready to help those around her." Madeline is driven and motivated and excels while overcoming obstacles. Randolph Early College High School is grateful for Madeline McGraw and the positivity she exudes, and we are proud to have her as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

**Trindale Elementary School - Samantha Lin - Kindergartener**

Samantha Lin started at Trindale Elementary School in the latter part of the 2021-2022 school year. She came from China and did not speak or understand much English. Most communication had to be translated for her. Fast forward to this school year...Samantha has overcome many challenges to show great improvement, works hard, and always tries her very best. She is kind and respectful to her classmates and teachers. She has overcome many obstacles to become the successful student she is today. We are amazed each day with her progress and eagerness to learn new things. Congratulations to Samantha Lin for being Trindale Elementary School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

**Trinity Elementary School - Yashfa Khawaja - 1st Grade**

Yashfa Khawaja is our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for many reasons. She has a strong desire to learn, and is a top student academically because of her work ethic and persistence in everything she does. Yashfa takes constructive criticism and improves her work. She is eager to participate in all of the daily activities in class. She is a good role model and the other classmates really look up to her. Yashfa follows all of the school and classroom rules, and is well-liked by all. Trinity Elementary School is proud to recognize Yashfa Khawaja as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

**Trinity High School - Jaxson Coble - 12th Grade**

Jaxson Coble is always respectful, kind, and willing to help. He is an excellent athlete and student. Jaxson makes good grades and is kind to his classmates. He exemplifies the baseball team's motto of "Hard Work Pays Off." Since arriving at Trinity High School his freshman year, Jaxson has made an impact with his humility, work ethic, and willingness to ask for help, as well as provide help to anyone in need. We are proud to call Jaxson Coble a Bulldog, and congratulate him on being selected as Trinity High School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

**Trinity Middle School - Jackson Long - 6th Grade**

If knowledge is power, then Jackson Long will have superpowers. He is one of four boys in a house full of energy and excitement. Jackson has learned to love others for who they are and accept the differences we all have that make us unique individuals. He brings these homegrown traits with him to school daily. Jackson works hard, asks questions in class, and does not shy away from the unknown. Even as challenges arise, Jackson perseveres and keeps pushing forward. He never complains and always strives to do his personal best. He is growing in confidence and maturing into a great young man. Trinity Middle School is proud to name Jackson Long our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

**Wheatmore High School - Cooper Black - 12th Grade**

Cooper Black is the epitome of a Warrior. He has managed to balance his rigorous coursework with Honors, Advanced Placement, and Randolph Community College level courses with his extracurricular activities in athletics. Cooper's leadership on and off the basketball court during his four years at Wheatmore has shown what a positive attitude and good work ethic can achieve. His coaches describe Cooper as "a coach's dream, because he plays hard until the final whistle blows. Cooper makes everyone around him a better person because of his attitude and hard work." We know that Cooper Black will continue to show his Warrior characteristics next year at Appalachian State University. Wheatmore High School is proud to have Cooper Black as our STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.

### **Wheatmore Middle School - Baileigh Puckett - 6th Grade**

Baileigh Puckett displays an eagerness to learn, a willingness to put forth her best effort, and is respectful to others. She is determined to be successful in all of her classes at Wheatmore Middle School. This is seen each day in how diligently Baileigh works to understand concepts and complete assignments. Her kind nature and positivity are appreciated by all of her teachers and peers. Congratulations to Baileigh Puckett, Wheatmore Middle School's STAR<sup>3</sup> Student for March.