

Randolph County School System

“RCSS STAR Employees” for October 2022



Franklinville Elementary School - Kimberly Plummer

Kimberly Plummer is a dedicated and motivated fourth grade teacher. She sustained multiple injuries - including two broken arms and two broken legs – in a car accident just prior to last year’s Open House. Not being able to start the year with her class crushed her heart and caused her almost as much pain as her injuries. The thoughts of being back at school with her kids motivated Ms. Plummer to push through her therapy at a rapid pace, and amazingly she was able to return to school in November. Her commitment to student success is visible in many ways. For example, upon learning that some students were not learning at high levels, she volunteered to take more students into her class so that they could get the instruction they needed. Ms. Plummer’s students love her and know they will have fun learning in her room, evidenced by the fact that her former students stop by her room for a hug before they start their day in their new grade level. We are thrilled to honor Kimberly Plummer with Franklinville Elementary School’s STAR Employee award for October.

Grays Chapel Elementary School - Renee Leonard

Renee Leonard is always kind to everyone, dependable, professional, and giving of her time to help as needed around the Grays Chapel campus. She goes above and beyond and is always willing to do whatever is asked of her with a good attitude. Mrs. Leonard has a good sense of humor and is naturally great with children. Before or after school, you can find Mrs. Leonard on a bus or at car duty. We appreciate Renee Leonard’s flexibility, kindness, and positive attitude, and we are excited to have her representing Grays Chapel Elementary School as our STAR employee for October.

Level Cross Elementary School - Heather Ellison

Heather Ellison has a heart for children and is a strong teacher of students with special needs. In her role as a speech and language pathologist, Ms. Ellison teaches dozens of students to improve their communication skills. Her instruction integrates hands-on activities and literacy strategies in a nurturing learning environment. She works with teachers on strategies that can be done in the general education classroom to further improve speech and language. This year, Ms. Ellison agreed to mentor two students each day, going above and beyond her regular duties. She serves on the district communication team, furthering her positive impact beyond our school. In Individualized Education Plan meetings, Ms. Ellison encourages parents as they strive to help their kids at home. Heather Ellison is an advocate for all students, and Level Cross Elementary School is proud to call her our STAR Employee for October.

Liberty Elementary School - Luke Alderman

Luke Alderman’s flexibility and willingness to help where he is needed (and sometimes with little or no notice) are impressive. He has certainly helped keep us afloat during challenging situations. Mr. Alderman is personable, yet professional with students and relates well to them in a way that supports their social-emotional and academic success. Liberty Elementary School is proud to have teacher assistant Luke Alderman represent us as our STAR Employee for October.

Northeastern Randolph Middle School - Sherita Hunt

Sherita Hunt does it all. The job of a data manager is overwhelming in August and September, without including all of the other things Mrs. Hunt has done to keep us going. This year, she has worked with the families of many new students to process their enrollment. In addition, she juggles scheduling, driving a bus, answering a thousand questions, and processing a mountain of beginning-of-the-year paperwork, all while helping other staff members learn the ropes of the office. Mrs. Hunt is the right hand of this school, with the changes in the office this year. She drives the morning bus and sometimes in the afternoon, and still completes her work in the office at the highest level. Mrs. Hunt has been the rock that every staff member depends upon for student information. She wears multiple hats, does not complain, and wears a smile every day. Sherita Hunt shows compassion in all she does, is loved by all at Northeastern Randolph Middle School, and we are proud to name her our STAR Employee for October.

Providence Grove High School - Ellen Varner

Ellen Varner continues to go above and beyond what is expected to support the students and staff of Providence Grove High School. She is a custodian and bus driver who genuinely cares about students and the maintenance of our facilities. Mrs. Varner knows how to take charge of a situation and handle it professionally. She collaborates with her colleagues to find ways to work efficiently and effectively. She helps her colleagues with professional development and/or any staff development they are asked to complete. Mrs. Varner is always on time and dependable, is great with brainstorming new ideas, and willingly shares other options. We are honored to have Ellen Varner as Providence Grove High School's STAR Employee for October.

Ramseur Elementary School - Jamie Horner

Jamie Horner, assistant principal for Ramseur Elementary School, is an exceptional staff member. Her natural leadership ability shines as the school's testing coordinator, the school's Multi-Tiered System of Support chair, and as an integral member of the school's improvement team and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports team. Ms. Horner contributes to the collaborative culture of the school and radiates positivity throughout the school day. She works endlessly with teachers and students to help them in any way she can. Ms. Horner is calming and kind in tough circumstances, and never hesitates to jump in and help wherever the need arises. Jamie Horner is an amazing asset to Ramseur Elementary School, and we are proud to recognize her as our STAR Employee for October.

Randleman Elementary School - James Price

When nominations were requested for our October STAR Employee, multiple individuals nominated James Price, Exceptional Children resource teacher. One nomination simply stated, "Holy cow. Do we even need to explain?" This is so accurate. Mr. Price has quickly become a valued employee due to his wealth of expertise in working with students of differing abilities. He jumps in where needed and builds relationships with his students through caring, patience, and genuine empathy. He holds his students accountable for their efforts in a way that engages them. Mr. Price has a calm demeanor and shares that calm with students and staff in his approach to challenging or escalated situations. He goes above and beyond to assist classroom teachers with tracking and problem solving student behavior. We are blessed to add his skill set and compassionate approach to our Tiger team - he truly embodies the Randolph County School System motto: "Students first in all we do!" Congratulations to James Price, Randleman Elementary School's STAR Employee for October.

Randleman High School - Danielle Scott

Danielle Scott joined Randleman High School's Career and Technical Education department as our Culinary and Hospitality teacher in August. Mrs. Scott has planned engaging activities, teaching students the foundation and components of working in the hospitality and food service industry. To provide real world experience, Mrs. Scott led her culinary classes in preparing breakfast and lunch for the October 5 principals and guests' professional development. Students took pride in showing off what they had learned by preparing two amazing meals, serving their guests, and showing appreciation for the men and women who lead our schools. Mrs. Scott took on a challenge as a teacher new to our school and new to teaching the culinary and hospitality class. However, she and her students more than met the challenge with their hard work, excellent food, and pleasing presentation. Randleman High School is proud to recognize Danielle Scott as our STAR Employee for October.

Randleman Middle School - Megan Alford

Megan Alford is a dedicated advocate, not only for her students, but for all of the special education students at Randleman Middle School. As our Exceptional Children (EC) department chair, Ms. Alford works hard to ensure that both EC and regular education teachers have the tools necessary to assist the students in their classes. She makes herself readily available to answer questions about accommodations, student performance, and teaching strategies. Developing relationships with parents is a strength of Ms. Alford's, and she consistently engages in regular communication to ensure parents are well informed. The amount of time and effort she puts into scheduling conferences and ensuring the accuracy of our school's EC paperwork is the embodiment of a dedicated professional. Her work with students, staff, and parents is commendable and greatly appreciated. We are excited to select Megan Alford as the Randleman Middle School STAR Employee for October.