



September 2017 Employees of the Month



Jennifer Osborn, Administrative Assistant Bales Elementary School

Jennifer, you are described as someone who is hard-working and a wearer of “many different hats” at Bales Elementary School. Not only do you work with students and calm them, if needed, you assist teachers in the classroom when students misbehave. You have shown that you have “the welfare of all students and staff members in your heart.” The assistance, support, knowledge and professionalism you have displayed is an inspiration to all at Bales. The best words used to describe you are Strong, Kind and Inspirational.



Cathleen Patterson, Teacher Buckeye Elementary Preschool

Cathleen, you are described as someone who is always looking for ways to “increase rigor in the classroom,” along with making Buckeye Elementary School a better learning environment. You have demonstrated that you will go above and beyond the call of duty by stepping up to be president of the PTA, a leader for student council, as well as a mentor to 1st and 2nd year teachers. You are an inspiration to so many by how you “step up” to make sure students are growing in every aspect of education along with making sure our school is a safe place for them. The best words used to describe you are Dedicated, Task-oriented and Loyal.



Nicole Boydston, Food Service Manager Marionneaux Elementary School

Nicole, you are described by as someone who “always goes beyond the call of duty.” You have especially shown this ability this school year with the opening of Marionneaux Elementary School. Besides making sure all guidelines and procedures were prepared and in place as Cafeteria Manager, you had to deal without having a cook for most of August! It was noticed how you did all of this while maintaining the “best attitude.” Additionally, you set a good example for others by displaying “great attendance and work ethic.” The best words used to describe you are Efficient, Committed, and Passionate.



Heather Orozco, Instructional Coach Sundance Elementary School

Heather, you are recognized as an incredibly dedicated and talented teacher and coach at Sundance Elementary School. You are a person who “goes above and beyond her normal duties” to ensure you are supporting all teachers and staff in any way possible. In addition, you regularly help boost teacher morale by sending notes of encouragement and suggestions to new and veteran teachers alike, while hosting a book club you started with teachers to help them improve their teaching. Heather, you truly inspire others to become better teachers. The best words used to describe you are Dedicated, Knowledgeable and Incredible.



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Tonya Kemmer, Academic Coach WestPark Elementary School

Tonya, being able to teach unfamiliar content is a true test of a teacher. You demonstrated how good you are when you stepped up and taught the first few weeks of school. Though you had this workload, you still made sure everything was up and running for the site EBISS and your normal coaching duties at WestPark Elementary School. You are an inspiration to so many by being of service when called upon. When there is a need, "you jump up to help." Thanks to your abilities and desire to help others, the school year got off to a great start. The best words used to describe you are Dependable, Flexible and Committed.



Brittany McDaniels, Budget and Finance Department BESD Central Office

Brittany, you have demonstrated that you can handle all of the "curves" that Accounts Payable and Account Receivables positions can throw at you. The staff you work with admire how you apply yourself to learn new procedures and ways of doing the new positions you have grown into. The staff you work with recognize and appreciate how you are "a happy person" who continually "shows positivity." In addition, the department recognizes how you do your work. You "complete your tasks on time for both positions." The best words used to describe you are Positive, Efficient and Smart.

Maria Lujan, Office Administration Buckeye Elementary Preschool

Maria, your contributions to the Buckeye Elementary Preschool cannot be quantified. You always have a positive attitude and you are continually look for the good in everyone. By doing whatever it takes to get "the job done," you go above and beyond to support your co-workers and to be kind to parents and students. You are an inspiration to many people through the relationships you have developed with the students' families. You take each family's feelings and needs into account when you interact with them. In addition, the staff is grateful for all the support you provide in making sure their paperwork is finished and ready for submittal. The best words used to describe you are Kind, Passionate and Devoted.

Patricia Velasquez, Reading Paraprofessional Jasinski Elementary School

Patricia . . . or as you are known as at Jasinski Elementary School, "Ms. Patty." You are known by your students and peers as a "true professional and staff member." The team recognizes you as the "go to" person for the reading intervention program and they always know you will work to support teachers and students. Ms. Patty, you were instrumental in organizing the Dibels testing and ensured that the Dibels team and teachers had all the materials needed to expedite this testing at Jasinski. The follow-up you did with data results for teachers to plan their *Walk to Read* groups was greatly appreciated. The best words used to describe you are Passionate, Dependable and Helpful.



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Steven Williamson, Facility Manager

Maintenance/Transportation Department

Steven, you have shown yourself to be an outstanding and conscientious worker in the Maintenance and Transportation Department who is not motivated by money to do a good job. It has been noticed that instead of just doing the job as directed you will call and inform your supervisor with additional information so the best decision can be made. Your work is noticed by others, as well. Phone calls have been made on your behalf to say what an outstanding job you are doing for them and how nice the school looks. The best words used to describe you are Motivated, Caring and Creative.