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Anne Wilcox from 4th Street Learning Center is our Power of One recipient. Ms. Wilcox is a joy to her students. She teaches concepts in a fun and hands-on way, like making ice cream with her students. She engages all students with her fun and perky attitude and students love to learn in her class. She is a teacher leader in many ways. She organizes clubs for 4th Street Learning students as well as plays an instrumental part on the school improvement team. She is a great addition to 4th Street!

Denise Glaspie is a 6th grade teacher at the Middle School at Parkside. Ms. Glaspie is a positive and energetic role model for the students here at Parkside. She is truly committed to the IB curriculum and it is evident in her lessons. She has created a very strong sense of community in her classroom too, where students are encouraged to work together, help one another, and share ideas. She proudly displays her Student of the Month in her classroom to encourage all students do to the right thing.





Mrs. Sandra Grimes, a long time custodian at McCulloch Academy, was chosen as February's Power of One recipient because of her dedication to our staff, students, and families. "Miss Sandra" is passionate about maintaining a safe, clean environment for our students, but she also goes above and beyond to mentor and assist wherever there is need in our school. She helps make McCulloch a very special place to be.

Katie Huff is a 1st grade teacher at Cascades that really enjoys her students. She continually finds creative ways to engage them with their learning. Katie is our Superintendent Challenge coordinator. She goes out of her way to plan fun activities every month for these students. Katie comes to school with a positive, happy attitude every day. We are very fortunate to have

Katie as a part of our Cascades Team.





TA Wilson Academy's February Power of One is Mr. Blaine Knapp. Mr. Knapp is new to TA Wilson and to JPS this year. Shortly after the school year began, it was apparent that Mr. Knapp was where he belonged. Mr. Knapp has quickly assumed leadership roles at Wilson including Senior Class Advisor and Yearbook Advisor. Mr. Knapp is a thoughtful, intelligent, and dedicated master teacher; a great addition to Wilson Academy.

Ms. Kerry King is a paraprofessional who has worked at Northeast for several years. She really puts her heart into her job and in working with our students. She has great ideas on how to help students which she is willing to share. As a "mentor" she works hard to help keep them on track. I have never know Ms. King to say, "no" to any request that I've given her. Ms. King also volunteers at after-school activities with a smile. We truly appreciate the work that Ms. King provides to our student body.





Hunt Elementary is proud to have **Lori Schramm** as our Power of One. Lori is an outstanding Physical Education teacher that encourages healthy habits on a daily basis. She coordinates our mileage club, ACES, funday, and Jump Rope for Heart. Lori's enthusiasm for teaching and learning shines through while working with students. Congratulations.

Cindy Smith, JHS Counselor, exemplifies the characteristic of action with humility. She consistently seeks to assist students and families to provide for the meeting of needs of all students. Mrs. Smith does so with a focus on honesty that is reality based, while holding students accountable towards their future successes. Further, Mrs. Smith works to establish positive partnerships within our community. With our recent partnership with Jackson College, Mrs. Smith has worked collaboratively to provide a college readiness opportunity for over 30 students in the area of math, for our third trimester of this school year. All efforts through Mrs. Smith are without thought of personal recognition, rather doing what is right on behalf of students.





Judy Rich is a paraprofessional at **JPS Montessori School**. In addition to her classroom and supervision duties, Judy works hard to help plan activities for our students and families. She has also helped to cultivate partnerships for our school with businesses in the community. She does her part to make JPS Montessori School one place where community comes together!

Dibble would like to nominate our teacher assistant, **Kevin Deer**, for the Power of One. Kevin has been a wonderful asset to our building in helping with all special education students as well as regular education students. He has a great rapport and he is always willing to be of help. His upbeat attitude and energy level are positive attributes in the classroom and building. He is a caring individual that always has his students' best interest in mind.





Carol Wright is Bennett's February Power of One. This is Carol's first year with JPS and she is doing an amazing job as our secretary. Ms. Wright is very caring, organized, and dedicated to getting the job done. She mentors students with behavior issues as well as encourages them to do their best in class. She goes out of her way to help staff and students in any way she can. She is a super problem solver! We really appreciate all she does on a daily basis for staff, students and their families. Mrs. Wright is a wonderful addition to the Bennett Family and our JPS district!

The Power of One for **Sharp Park Academy** is **Kim Rokita**. Mrs. Rokita is being recognized for her continued work on the School Improvement Team. She has been a member for four year and she does a great job keeping the team focused on the task at hand, planning for and carrying out the plan for student success. Thank you for all that you do Kim, you are appreciated.



The Power of One recipient for **Frost** this month is **Amy Smith**. Mrs. Smith brings a high amount of energy, enthusiasm and compassion to her job each and every day. Students in her class feel empowered as they frequently discuss their learning and help each other to reach mastery of the material being covered. Mrs. Smith makes learning fun and engaging for students with lessons that get students interacting with one another and moving throughout the classroom. In addition to her work in the classroom, Mrs. Smith has taken a leadership role in the building this month as she has helped out in the classroom of another teacher who has been absent. In this role, she has helped the guest teacher with lesson plans and with individual students. Mrs. Smith is always willing to help out all students at Frost and for that reason, she is this month's Power of One recipient.

