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Sharp Park Academy recognizes **Cheryl Ennis** as the Power of One for December. Mrs. Ennis helps her third grade students understand that as PYP students the importance of taking action to make the world a better place. With the help of community volunteers the students learn to knit hats that are donated each year to an organization that helps people in need.

We would like to nominate **Christine Moon**. Ms. Moon is a true team player and asset to **Northeast** Elementary. She has worked here for several years as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Moon shows initiative, creativity, positivity and professionalism in her position. Whenever Ms. Paschall has a whim, she is always there to assist in making the right things happen for the betterment of the school and the students. Some of the things that she assists with are Accelerated Reader, Book Fair, storage room clean out, assisting with parapro issues and Opening Day building prep. We appreciate Ms. Moon's loyalty to NE and JPS!!



T.A Wilson Academy's December Power of One is **Ms. Karen Kemp**. Ms. Kemp has taken on two full-time positions at Wilson Academy—Records Secretary and Administrative Assistant. Her hard work and incredible ability to multi-task has made the recent changes at Wilson manageable and less stressful. Ms. Kemp has stepped up and taken the lead on many projects and tasks. Her dedication to Wilson has made everyone's days a little easier. We are so fortunate to have Ms. Kemp on our team. She is the epitome of the Power of One.

Patricia Benjamin was selected as **McCulloch's** December Power of One recipient because of her deep commitment to McCulloch Academy and our students. Mrs. Benjamin works hard to ensure that every student achieves at high levels in her classroom, often working with students who need extra help at recess and during her planning time. She always has an eye focused toward improving her instruction. She's also been an invaluable priority and school improvement team member, willing to roll up her sleeves and do whatever it takes to move us forward. She's part of what makes our school so special!





Rocio Baird was selected as **JPS Montessori School's** December recipient. We often joke that Rocio never sleeps because of the sheer volume of projects she finishes for our classrooms. From sewing student aprons to creating boxes and boxes of three-part cards, Rocio goes out of her way to create beautiful materials to benefit our classrooms and students. She is also deeply committed to the learning, wellbeing, and happiness of each and every student in her care. She makes JPS Montessori School a very special place to be!

Ms. **Angie Bristow's** classroom at **Frost Elementary** is one that is filled with positivity and students who are being pushed to reach their full potential. In addition, it is one where students are empowered by having assigned roles in the classroom. One of these roles is that each time a visitor walks into the classroom, a student tells the visitor what the daily objective is.

This month, Ms. Bristow's class is working on a service project to benefit the Interfaith Shelter. The students are doing various things around school to raise money so that the shelter can purchase city bus tickets for their residents so that they can do various things around the community. The students are excited about this project and with the service that they are providing to their community!



Hunt Elementary is honored to have **Janice Morris** as our Power of One recipient. Janice is a Paraprofessional and does an outstanding job. She goes above and beyond her job responsibilities. Janice never complains, is the first one to jump in when we need extra help and is the kindest person. Janice works every day in our after school program. We are fortunate to have Janice working at Hunt and for Jackson Public Schools.

Anne Lusk is an experienced educator who is committed to excellence as well as keeping current in our profession. She serves as advisor for the **Jackson High Reflector Yearbook**, as well as serving as a faculty member in our math department. Mrs. Lusk is continuously looking for means in which to reach students technologically, generating new course options that are current and look towards the future. Mrs. Lusk has been instrumental in developing the athletic programs that are informative and professional. She is always seeking methods in which to accurately represent Jackson High School, with a focus on integrity, excellence, and professionalism.





Dibble would like to nominate **Lynette Boyers** for the Power of One. She has spent many hours of her own time to assist the substitute kindergarten teacher who is here for 8 weeks. She has helped to bridge this transition while the regular classroom teacher is out on a maternity leave. Her dedication and caring attitude has helped our kindergarten students to continue familiar procedures and acclimate to a new person. We are happy that Lynette is our kindergarten para.

Tami Willard is a paraprofessional that goes above and beyond her job description. Tami is always working with students one on one, in small groups, she may be giving out Band-Aid's, ice, answering the phone, or possibly covering for a teacher that needs a quick break. The wonderful thing is that Tami does it without a complaint. She maintains a positive, smiling face every day. **Cascades** is so thankful to have such an amazing, hardworking, dedicated, and loving person in our building. Thank you Tami Willard!! P.S. I simply LOVE the frogs!!



We are pleased to present **Mr. John Clark** as the Power of One for the month of December at **4th Street Learning Center**. Since Mr. Clark's arrival, he has led the charge in improving the culture and climate in the building. In a short period of time, the staff have noted a much improved teaching and learning environment. John has worked diligently with the Parkside Administration and 4SLC staff to bring about positive change. His background and experience in alternative education has been a tremendous asset to the 4th Street program and Jackson Public Schools!

Middle School at Parkside is proud to present JPS parent **Barb Huggett** as Power of One for the month of December. The students at Middle School at Parkside are reaping the benefits of her contributions' to the school library. Her plan was to donate the books her kids and others wanted to read. Within a year of her contributions, the library checkouts more than tripled, from 5,008 books checked out in 2013-14 to over 16,150 so far this school year! Students also found more to read in the fiction section thanks to many private and corporate donations, including an NJHS Book Drive and the Scholastic Book Fairs sponsored by PAVE. We are appreciative of the efforts made by Mrs. Huggett.



Mrs. Carol Novak has taught at **Bennett Elementary** for over 26 years. During her tenure here, she has taken a huge amount of pride in helping make Bennett a positive learning environment for all of our students. She sees every moment as a teachable opportunity, whether it's in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria, lobby or outdoors; and every single child in the building benefits from her experience and expertise. Many have shared happy memories of learning in her classroom; of the memory books she created for each and every child of their school year; and the positive reinforcement she gave them to help succeed in life.

Carol is responsible for capturing Bennett's exciting daily events for our Lobby Monitor, as well as working with the PTO, Energizing Education, fundraisers, and any other projects with enthusiasm and without hesitation. She devotes countless hours of her own time to Bennett, often arriving early and leaving late making sure that her students – and all of Bennett's students – benefit from their time here.

It is because of her total devotion to our Bennett family that we are proud and pleased to announce Mrs. Carol Novak as our December "Power of One."

