

Randolph County School System "RCSS STAR Employees" for January 2026



Franklinville Elementary School – Jessica Powell

Franklinville Elementary is proud to present Jessica Powell as our Star Employee. Mrs. Powell is intentional in her job duties and has worked to create efficient systems. She is determined to understand all aspects of her role and has shown grace to teachers daily through the transition with SIS this year. She has a calming effect with students and brings a sense of peace to the office. Jessica goes above and beyond for students to build a strong rapport and ensure everyone's needs are being met.

Grays Chapel Elementary School – Jennifer Ladd

Jennifer Ladd, EC instructional assistant, is an exceptional employee whose commitment, positivity, and work ethic make her truly deserving of the STAR Employee recognition. Despite facing significant personal challenges, she continues to go above and beyond her duties every single day. Jennifer consistently supports her colleagues, inspires students, and brings warmth and encouragement to every task she takes on. Her resilience, professionalism, and unwavering dedication set a powerful example for everyone around her. Jennifer's ability to shine, even in the face of adversity, is a testament to her strength and the extraordinary value she brings to our school community. Congratulations, Jennifer Ladd, Grays Chapel's STAR Employee for January.

Level Cross Elementary School – Nicole Prillaman

Nicole Prillaman is highly deserving of the Star Employee Award for her unwavering advocacy and dedication to her students. She persevered through challenging circumstances with grace and determination, always keeping her students' needs at the center of her work. As a reflective educator, she is deeply committed to growing her craft and continuously seeks ways to improve her teaching practice. She creates a supportive and nurturing learning environment where students feel valued, safe, and empowered to succeed. Through her resilience, professionalism, and genuine care for students, she exemplifies the very best and Level Cross is proud to recognize Mrs. Prillaman as our Star Employee.

Liberty Elementary School – Leah Kimrey

Liberty Elementary School is honored to recognize Leah Kimrey as our Star Employee for January. We are proud to celebrate Ms. Kimrey, a teacher who goes above and beyond every day for her students and school community. Ms. Kimrey has embraced her curriculum with enthusiasm, continually learning and growing to better serve her students. Her strong relationships with her students, paired with a great sense of humor, make learning engaging and joyful. As a leader in our building, Ms. Kimrey models professionalism, collaboration, and dedication, and most importantly, she is a role model who inspires both students and colleagues alike. We are so thankful to have Ms. Kimrey in the Bulldog community, she truly represents the best of who we are.

Northeastern Randolph Middle School – Will Way

Mr. Way may not have decades of experience in the classroom, but he plans, teaches, organizes, and connects with students as if he does. He consistently goes above and beyond by working with students in small groups, supporting other classes during his planning period, and stepping in wherever help is needed. Mr. Way brings strong instincts to his work and is always focused on being part of the solution. He intentionally incorporates literacy into his classroom, strengthening students' skills across content areas. Because of his dedication and positive approach, students love his class and he is an incredibly valuable member of our team.

Providence Grove High School – Crystal Booth

Crystal Booth, an English 2 teacher at Providence Grove High School, is being recognized as a Star Employee for her outstanding dedication to students and the school community. She uses data to drive instruction and builds strong academic relationships that help students succeed. Ms. Booth genuinely wants the best for all of her students and often motivates them with chocolate. She is always willing to go the extra mile for both her students and the school. Providence Grove is proud to recognize Ms. Booth as their Star Employee for January.

Ramseur Elementary School – Kimberly Hicks

Ramseur Elementary is proud to recognize Ms. Kimberly Hicks, Prekindergarten Teacher Assistant, as our STAR employee for January. Ms. Hicks is an invaluable team player because she is always willing to pitch in to support the classroom teacher and other school events. You can always count on her to greet students with a smile and joy every day. She is hardworking and consistently gives her best to her students and everyone else at Ramseur. Ramseur Elementary is excited to recognize Ms. Hicks for this award in appreciation for her hard work and dedication to making Ramseur a great place to work and learn!

Randleman Elementary School – Caroline Nobles

Ms. Nobles is an exceptional educator of multilingual learners who extends her impact far beyond the classroom as a dedicated advocate for students and families. She brings a consistently positive presence to our school and is an invaluable resource not only for our staff, but for educators across Randolph County Schools through the high-quality professional development she provides. Ms. Nobles is always eager to support others, offering thoughtful guidance to teachers on effective strategies that help EL students succeed. She regularly volunteers her time to assist with additional afternoon duties, doing so with professionalism, warmth, and a genuine desire to serve. We are proud to name her Randleman Elementary's STAR Employee.

Randleman High School – Paige Summey

Randleman High School proudly recognizes Paige Summey as our STAR Employee for her outstanding dedication and impact as our music teacher. Mrs. Summey teaches both band and chorus, inspiring students through her passion for music and her commitment to excellence. She consistently goes above and beyond, spending countless hours after school, on weekends, and throughout the summer preparing lessons, arranging music, organizing performances, and creating meaningful opportunities for students to grow artistically and personally. Through her tireless efforts, she has revitalized the RHS music program, bringing renewed energy, pride, and high expectations to both band and chorus. Her classroom is a place where students feel encouraged, challenged, and valued, and her influence extends far beyond rehearsals and performances. Mrs. Summey is deeply beloved by her students for her support and enthusiasm, and she is equally respected by our faculty for her professionalism, collaboration, and unwavering dedication to the cultural arts.

Randleman Middle School – Dawn Jenkins

Mrs. Jenkins is an exceptional lead teacher. She is the true definition of dedication and teamwork. Mrs. Jenkins is highly instrumental in the planning and success of each parent engagement night. She expertly leads professional development for staff. Mrs. Jenkins is always available to provide support for teachers and students. She is passionate about the success of Randleman Middle School and we are proud to recognize her as our Star Employee for January.

Human Resources Division – Human Resources Leave Specialist – Jennifer McNeely

Mrs. McNeely is an outstanding employee who consistently goes above and beyond her regular job duties and responsibilities. She is an amazing teammate who willingly seeks out ways to help and support her departmental colleagues as well as all employees of the school system. In addition to her normal job responsibilities, Mrs. McNeely has volunteered to drive a morning bus route to help a school struggling to find drivers. She treats everyone with respect, kindness, and compassion. It is our honor to recognize Mrs. McNeely as a STAR Employee.

Curriculum & Instruction Division – Information Systems Computer Technician 3 – Brandon Green

We are proud to recognize Brandon Green as our Star Employee for his exceptional commitment to supporting our district's technology and security systems. Brandon is reliable, innovative, and always ready to step in wherever he is needed. He consistently goes above and beyond, whether managing cameras and security software, troubleshooting technology issues, or serving as the 3-D printing guru. Brandon eagerly embraces new responsibilities and is quick to mentor others. His problem-solving skills, positive attitude, and commitment make him a vital part of the Information Systems team. Thank you, Brandon, for your outstanding service to RCSS!