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### **CPS Announces Certified and Support Employees for January 2016**

Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce that Mr. David Vogel has been selected as the Support Employee of the month; Mr. Vogel is a Paraprofessional at the Upper Elementary and Ms. April Boak has been selected as the Certified Employee of the month; Ms. Boak is a teacher at Parkview Elementary.



Mr. Vogel was nominated by Ms. Rebecca Phenix, Special Education teacher at the Upper Elementary. In her nomination, Ms. Phenix wrote: "I am nominating David Vogel in the area of motivation- having the ability to motivate and encourage students to advance past their expectations both academically and socially. David came to work at the CUE in November. He came in to a challenging situation, working with substitute teachers in a room where students do not handle transitions and change with ease. His presence provided stability for the students and he immediately built positive relationships with each child. He has a natural way of interacting with the students and they respond positively to him. Often he encounters a student after they have reached frustration level in the classroom, he is able to calm them and help them complete their task or shift their focus so they can return to their class and be productive and contribute for the rest of the day."

Ms. April Boak was nominated by fellow Parkview teachers, Heather Ferrell, Christy Huver, Kym Kletke, Amy Smith and Michelle Yoder. Excerpts of what they wrote include: "April is awesome!" "April can be found encouraging current and former students, being a member of her school's School Improvement Team, and mentoring our newest staff. April expertly mentors teaching staff in both K-3 buildings. She uses her expertise to support our newest staff in a variety of ways, including how to implement our various curriculums, classroom management, and family communication. Several of us have also had our children in April's class. We observed how she purposely gets to know each of her students, builds relationships with them and motivates them to push themselves academically." "April is an instrumental member of Parkview's School Improvement Team. She always brings a positive and productive manner to all school improvement work." "She also works tirelessly to make school improvement goals and ideas a reality."

Charlotte Public Schools is very proud of these employees and appreciative of their efforts on behalf of

our students and staff.

If you know of a CPS employee who goes above and beyond on a consistent basis, you are invited to nominate them for employee of the month. Information is available on the District's website: [www.charlottenet.org](http://www.charlottenet.org) or feel free to call 541-5101 for more information.