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CPS Announces Certified and Support Employees for April 2016



Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce that Ms. Tina Schultz has been selected as the Support Employee of the month; Ms. Schultz is the Special Services administrative assistant, and Mr. Ken Wright has been selected as the Certified Employee of the month; Mr. Wright is a Science teacher split between Parkview and Washington elementary.

Ms. Schultz was nominated by Laura Lezotte, the Special Education Director. In her nomination, excerpts of what Ms. Lezotte wrote include: "Ms. Tina, as our youngest students call her, always greets everyone with a smile; whether in person, or with that twinkle that you can feel over the phone line when she answers, and says 'how can I help you?'" "She is genuine-she really means it when she says 'How can I help you?' and she will do whatever necessary to assist with a positive outcome with any request made. In a hurried world where many of us focus on timelines and urgent tasks, Tina always takes time to listen. Families call with the most difficult situations, sometimes angry, often anxious and worried. Without fail, Tina acknowledges their concerns, offers information to assist, and provides the assurance that their concerns will not go unaddressed. She focuses on people, what their needs are, and offers whatever resources are available to her to support their endeavors." "Tina is a positive person, and a positive force in the lives of our students, families and staff....and is an asset to our district and we couldn't be more grateful that she has stuck with us through it all!"

Mr. Ken Wright was nominated by fellow teachers, Kelley Hazel, Christy Huver, Karen Scheurer and Amy Smith and was also nominated by Eileen Grant-Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Excerpts of what his fellow teachers wrote include: "Ken's hard work and dedication truly exemplifies Oriole Pride!!! The students absolutely LOVE going to science! They always are participating in hands on activities and inquiry based science learning" "He is often here early in the morning and on days off preparing engaging lessons and has invested a great deal of his own time and money in materials to make science learning fun and hands on for students. Ken is always willing to be a leader by extending himself beyond the classroom" "We truly appreciate all that he's done to energize our science program!" Part of Ms. Grant-

Ball's nomination stated: "Leadership: Mr. Wright has increased his "teaching for learning capacity" and performance as he leads the transition to Next Generation Science Standards and the New Michigan Science Standards. He uses numerous techniques to lead students to be better learners - with more optimism, enthusiasm, generates questions/discussions to delve more deeply into the lessons, reflecting upon their learning, and keeping progress as their primary focus. Vision: Mr. Wright spends much time outside of his normal working hours to offer student extracurricular opportunities - his LEGO Leagues and before/after school groups are well received by his students and their parents. Ken also has been instrumental in seeking and applying for numerous grants to provide STEM related resources in both buildings." "Dedication: Mr. Wright has a desire and daily commitment to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. He has a positive impact on our professional organizational climate. Charlotte Public Schools is fortunate to have Mr. Wright."

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 or feel free to call 541-5101 for more information.