

Humble ISD honors February Super Staffers



From left, School Board Vice President Robert Scarfo, Special Education Bus Driver Gloria Medina, Deerwood Kindergarten Teacher Caryn Uttenweiler, Sterling Middle School Math Teacher Laketha Cooper, and Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo.

Humble ISD's February Super Staffers of the Month were recognized at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Feb. 11. Honored at the February Board Meeting were the following Super Staffers:

Laketha Cooper, Ross Sterling Middle School Math Teacher

Assistant Principal Myra Casteneda said "Ms. Cooper is a dynamic teacher that brings math to life for her students. Her energy and positivity are contagious and have a lasting impact on those around her. Her math class is extremely interactive which the students love. She is also the first person to volunteer whenever help is needed. She has become instrumental in leading our Parent University which has been piloted to help educate our parents to assist their children with math work. We are extremely pleased to have Ms. Cooper on our campus!"

Caryn Uttenweiler, Kindergarten Teacher at Deerwood Elementary

Principal Bonnie Godinich said, "Caryn gives 100% to Deerwood. Although she has had some hard times over the past year she has not wavered in her dedication to her students and her school. She arrives early and stays late each day in preparation for the next day's class, providing her students with meaningful learning in a visual and inspiring way. She dances and sings to the songs, she encourages participation through fun and enriching activities and she is always helping her students learn with an abundance of patience and a smile on her face. Thanks Caryn for closing the gap for our students."

Gloria Medina, Special Needs Bus Attendant, Transportation Department

Transportation Director Marisa Weisinger said, "Gloria displays true care and concern for the special kiddos that ride her bus to school and home every day."

Humble ISD's Super Staffer of the Month program is intended to provide recognition to employees for taking significant steps to advance excellence in education. Each campus in the district identifies one staff member each month that has exceeded expectations in the performance of their duties to improve relationships that advance learning and support student achievement. The names of all Super Staffers are entered in a monthly drawing that allows three individuals to be spotlighted as examples of the outstanding work being done for students. One name is drawn randomly from three categories and announced at the Humble ISD Board of Trustees meeting. The categories include elementary schools, secondary schools, and administration/support staff.

The Humble ISD Education Foundation sponsored the Super Staffers prize drawing for February.

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Elementary School Super Staffers

Atascocita Springs Elementary — Matthew Kelly, 5th Grade Teacher
Bear Branch Elementary — Andrea Lewis, Custodian
Deerwood Elementary — Caryn Uttenweiler, Kindergarten teacher
Eagle Springs Elementary — Shannon Follis, Secretary
Elm Grove Elementary -- Elaine Haag, Paraeducator
Fall Creek Elementary — Emily Smith, Fifth Grade Teacher
Fields Elementary — Meridith Rosson, 3rd Grade Teacher
Foster Elementary — Sara Brent, Science Coach/4th grade teacher
Greentree Elementary — Cindy Alford, Registrar
Hidden Hollow Elementary -- Desiree Garcia, Special Education Interventionist
Humble Elementary — Amanda Zabaneh, 5th grade teacher
Lakeland Elementary — Renita Harris, First Grade Teacher
Lakeshore Elementary — Amber Gonzales, First Grade Teacher
Maplebrook Elementary — Sandra Bogan, SCD paraeducator
North Belt Elementary — Philip Mathewkutty, Fifth Grade Teacher
Oak Forest Elementary — Becky Beverly, Principal's Secretary
Oaks Elementary — Jane Mehring, Librarian
Pine Forest Elementary — Jill Romig, 4th Grade Teacher
Ridge Creek Elementary — Tamara Morgan, 4th Grade Teacher
River Pines Elementary — Roslyn Scott, Teacher
Shadow Forest Elementary — Julie Chriswell, SPEAK Teacher
Summerwood Elementary — Melanie Risko, 4th grade teacher
Timbers Elementary — Marisa Maxey, Kindergarten Teacher
Whispering Pines Elementary — Gayle Hall, Math ALT
Willow Creek Elementary — Michele Heileman, Music Teacher

Secondary School Super Staffers:

Riverwood Middle School– Michelle Wilson, Algebra I Teacher
Kingwood Park High School– Kevin McCarty, CTE Teacher (Ag)
Ross Sterling Middle– Laketha Cooper, Math Teacher
Summer Creek High School– Louise Lankau, Librarian
Atascocita Middle School– Joni Bates, RELA Teacher
Timberwood Middle School– Jennifer Pletting, Science Teacher
Atascocita High School– Jill Davison, English Teacher
Quest ECHS– Saxon Batungbacal, Special Ed
Cambridge School– Claudine Simpson, MOSAIC Teacher
Administration– Tanya Close, Assistant Principal
DAEP/PACE– Melissa Crawford, Bookkeeper

Support Super Staffers:

ISC: Curriculum and Instruction– Karen Martin, Office Professional
Payroll– Deanne Hill, Assistant Payroll Supervisor
Transportation– Gloria Medina, Special Needs Bus Attendant

A new group of honorees will be recognized in March and their names will be entered into the next drawing. The three Super Staffers whose names are drawn will be honored at the March School Board Meeting.