

Humble ISD Super Staffers of the Month-November

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 names one staff member each month who has gone above and beyond his/her 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.



From left, Humble ISD Education Foundation Chair Scott Brady, Foster Elementary Nurse Julieanne Kowalis, Kingwood Park High School Math Teacher Mark Ruffin, Administration Executive Assistant Carolyn Harden, School Board President Brent Engelage, and Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo.

Honored at the November Board Meeting were the following Super Staffers:

Julieanne Kowalis, Nurse at Foster Elementary

Principal Terri VeDepo said “Julieanne Kowalis is a person who is so sweet and kind to each and every student that comes with a boo boo. She always has a positive attitude and is very professional.”

Mark Ruffin, Math Teacher at Kingwood Park High School

Assistant Principal, Amy Wallace said, “His genuine concern for his students is very evident. A parent let us know how Mark has inspired her child to love math. We refer to Mark as a “Rock Star” and feel fortunate that he chose to be a Panther!”

Carolyn Harden, Executive Assistant in the Assistant Superintendent's Office

Assistant Superintendent for Elementary, Deborah Yocham, said, “Carolyn consistently goes above and beyond to make sure nothing falls through the cracks. Carolyn works tirelessly and without complaints for the 38,000 students and 42 campuses that the four of us support.”

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

Congratulations to the following employees recognized on their campuses as Super Staffers of the Month for November:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Atascocita Springs Elementary – Anna Braden, Interventionist

Bear Branch Elementary – Saira Jalal, Para Educator

Deerwood Elementary – Holly Miller, Counselor

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Eagle Springs Elementary – Angie Adams, Kindergarten Teacher
Elm Grove Elementary – Tricia Zinnecker, First Grade Teacher
Fall Creek Elementary – Maggie Holcombe, Front Office
Foster Elementary – Julieanne Kowalis, Nurse
Greentree Elementary - Jimmy Tobias, Head Custodian
Hidden Hollow Elementary – Kristin Robinson, Librarian
Humble Elementary – Alyse Troller, Third Grade Teacher
Jack Fields Elementary – Stormy Gorman, Para Educator
Lakeland Elementary – Teresa Blake, Nurse
Lakeshore Elementary – Pam Julian, Kindergarten Teacher
Maplebrook Elementary – Tracy Fruge, Reading ALT
North Belt Elementary – Amy Baker-Shipp, Diagnostician
Oak Forest Elementary – Kim Russell, Counselor
Oaks Elementary – Angelia Courtney, Third Grade RELA Teacher
Park Lakes Elementary School – Lisa Caviness, Fifth Grade Teacher
Pine Forest Elementary – Cheryl Avina, Fourth Grade Teacher
Ridge Creek Elementary – Juan Venegas, Instructional Technologist
River Pines Elementary – Kimmy Winslow, Science Coach / RTI Facilitator
Shadow Forest Elementary – Julie Waschak, Kindergarten Teacher
Summerwood Elementary – Noemi Kassmya, Kindergarten Teacher
Timbers Elementary – Kari Schellinger, Pre-K Teacher
Whispering Pines Elementary – Kathryn White, RTI Facilitator
Willow Creek Elementary – Elritha Wood, Custodian
Woodland Hills Elementary – April Kiker, First Grade Teacher

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Community Learning Center / Cambridge School – Jason Netardus, Teacher
Atascocita Middle – Lucy Quezada, Custodian
Creekwood Middle – Kelly Corino, RELA Teacher
Humble Middle – Raul Vasquez, Assistant Band Director
Kingwood Middle – Melissa Mansker, Math Teacher
Riverwood Middle – Shari Bowers, Social Studies Teacher and Coach
Ross Sterling Middle – Myra Castaneda, Assistant Principal
Timberwood Middle – Jeanie Bassett, Bookkeeper
Woodcreek Middle – Marissa Melonson, Social Studies Teacher
Atascocita High – Ruth Diaz, Data Clerk
Humble High – Kelly Dent, ELA Instructor / Cheer Coach
Kingwood High – Justin Tims, English Teach and Coach
Kingwood Park High – Mark Ruffin, Math Teacher
Quest Early College High – Gwen Geiser, Registrar and New Student Coordinator

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

Administration – Carolyn Harden, Executive Assistant in the Assistant Superintendents Office
Child Nutrition – Gretchen Lyons, Child Nutrition Services Supervisor

A new group of honorees will be recognized in December and their names will be entered into the next drawing. Those three Super Staffers whose names are drawn will be honored at the December 10 school board meeting.