CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Wendy Pheil

Mrs. Wendy Pheil teaches Algebra Concepts and Connections at CCHS. Mrs. Pheil is patient and caring to the students at CCHS. Consistently, her students score at high levels and lead the school in student growth. Although Mrs. Pheil teaches 9th grade students, you can often find upper class students returning to Mrs. Pheil either before or after school for extra help and support in their math classes. Her students have expressed their appreciation for her time and efforts to help them be their best. We are thankful for her pursuit of ways to improve instruction and her collaboration within the mathematics department to make us all better.

CAMDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Lindsey DiLeo

Lindsey Dileo is the CMS Spotlight Teacher of the Month. In addition to being talented and hardworking, she is one of the most caring teachers on staff. Her fellow teachers say, “Her ability to create relationships with students is a testament to how much she cares about students.” Ms. Dileo treats each of her students like her own and always has a drawer full of snacks for students who might have missed a meal or are hungry.

CAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Kimberly Huyer

Providing a supportive learning environment while offering an appropriate mathematical challenge for her students are two key qualities of Mrs. Kimberly Huyer, a sixth grade math teacher at SMMS. Not only does Mrs. Huyer support her students academically, she also takes interest in them as young people. Mrs. Huyer has been very helpful this year with developing assessments to correlate with the new math standards. Her willingness to help and her caring disposition are certainly appreciated by all. On a fun note, Mrs. Huyer is also a beekeeper who maintains and manages colonies of hives for the production of honey.

ST. MARYS MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Nicole James

Ms. James has done a fantastic job here at SMES in our Special Education Department. Over the past years, Ms. James left the regular classroom environment and moved into the special education department as a co-lab teacher. During that time, Ms. James has developed additional strategies to not only provide quality assistance and instruction to students, but to also build relationships that enhance the learning environment in her many grade levels! Then this year, Ms. James took on a completely new role as an Adaptive Special Education Teacher, moving into a “Small Group All Day” classroom earlier in the school year. This transition, while challenging, has been extremely beneficial to the students of SMES. Her quality instruction mixed with a love and caring has made an environment that the students thrive in all aspects of their education. Whether Ms. James wishes to admit it or not, she has found a niche working with her students!

ST. MARYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Elisabeth Kilby

Elisabeth Kilby is the self-contained, Pre-Kindergarten teacher at Mary Lee Clark Elementary School. Mrs. Kilby seems to effortlessly and with kindness teach MLCES' PreK students. It is obvious that Mrs. Kilby spends a lot of time planning her lessons which provides age-appropriate learning opportunities for her students. In addition to all of the wonderful things that Mrs. Kilby does in her classroom, she also contributes in other ways around the school. When possible, she helps other teachers and staff in the building. All the while, she helps with a smile and with kindness. Mary Lee Clark Elementary School is very lucky to have Elisabeth Kilby as a teacher!

MARY LEE CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Michelle McClellan

Mrs. McClellan exemplifies what anyone would expect from a seasoned, expert teacher. In addition to building strong relationships with students, parents, and staff, she is also skilled in small group instruction and is a sought after expert in classroom management. Mrs. McClellan worked hard to develop an outdoor learning center for her Pre-K students to increase hands-on instruction and learning activities. She makes The RIVER a wonderful place to learn and grow and we are very grateful for all she does.

CROOKED RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Verona Shumway

Mrs. Shumway is extremely efficient and organized in all areas at our school. If you want someone who can get the job done and done well—she is your lady. Her classroom runs like a fine oiled machine. Her visual arts classroom is beautiful. Everything is color coded and has a place. She sets high expectations for herself and her students. She is well planned with lessons that are engaging and creative. Students enjoy participating in art and are able to articulate what they are learning. Mrs. Shumway's students create beautiful pieces of art for displaying in our art show. Mrs. Shumway is our PBIS coach and does an exceptional job in this role. She also volunteered to plan and organize an after school violin program for our students. It is going well—thanks to her willingness to give her free time to offer this awesome opportunity at Sugarmill. Mrs. Shumway is well deserving of "the spotlight."

SUGARMILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Veronica Bembry

Mrs. Veronica Bembry is a beacon of warmth and ideas. Each morning, she is ready to embark on another day of learning adventures. Her smile is contagious, instantly putting her students at ease and creating a sense of belonging within her classroom. Her energy shows her passion for teaching and dedication to her students' success at our school. Mrs. Bembry's impact extends beyond the walls of her classroom as she has organized and planned our Black History Month with engaging activities for both our students and staff. Her cheerful and bright outlook has been a welcomed addition to MHES!

MATILDA HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Ava Mueller

Ms. Mueller is a new teacher with a big heart! She is energetic and brings enthusiasm and wonder to her students. Ava finds the positive in every situation, as she is excited about teaching and loves what she does! Ava is always hard working and is creative with her lessons. Her students cannot wait to see what Ms. Mueller has ready for them each day. They LOVE her! Congratulations Ms. Ava Mueller!

DAVID L. RAINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Debra Barnes

Debra Barnes is an exceptional, seasoned kindergarten teacher. She is enthusiastic about educating every student in her classroom. She creates an atmosphere where students feel supported and loved as they soar towards the next level.

KINGSLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Vonice Harrelson

Mrs. Harrelson is a highly successful Camden County Schools educator. She is a phenomenal instructional leader and an excellent role model. Mrs. Harrelson challenges all of her students to succeed and provides them with the necessary tools to do so. She cares deeply about our students and is the embodiment our slogan “proud to MLG”. We are so thankful to have her as part of our MLG family!

MAMIE LOU GROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Cheryl Aston

Cheryl Aston teaches 1st grade at WES. She works diligently to build special bonds with her students and their families. Mrs. Aston always goes the extra mile assisting with after-school activities and projects. She shares that “volunteer” mentality with our students as a co-sponsor of our KKIDS program! Additionally, she is our staff coordinator for the Adopt-A-School Partnership with TRIDENT Training Facility. Her attention to detail and planning has helped make our partnership a success! Mrs. Aston is retiring this year – WES will greatly miss her!

WOODBINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COUNSELOR SPOTLIGHT

Sarayah Long

Ms. Long is passionate about helping students succeed academically and emotionally. She always puts the needs of students first, and she also demonstrates a genuine interest in the well-being of each student.

DAVID L. RAINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

PARAPROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Stephanie Hinman

Stephanie Hinman, a dedicated paraprofessional at WES, shines brightly in her role. Her enthusiasm and eagerness to lend a helping hand make her an invaluable asset to our school. This year she has gone above and beyond by taking on extra responsibilities, contributing to the seamless operation of our school day. We are grateful for her commitment and dedication to our students and staff members. She not only knows every student by name but also knows many of their family members. As Mrs. Hinman nurtures these strong family ties, it helps to foster a sense of community at WES.

WOODBINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NURSE SPOTLIGHT

Mallory Eakes

Nurse Eakes joined the CCS school nurse team this fall and said she felt like she was "returning home" when she accepted the position at Kingsland Elementary School. Nurse Eakes is a CCS graduate, and her dream came true when she could not only enroll her child in Camden County Schools, but also the school she once attended.

KINGSLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NUTRITION EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Brenda Crews

Brenda Crews is School Nutrition's February spotlight of the month. Joyce Lane, Brenda's School Nutrition Manager at Woodbine Elementary School describes her as having "awesome energy and willingness to go above and beyond." Brenda spends her time using her creative mind to promote the School Nutrition Program and creates boards to explain the program to the parents not only at WES, but also for Sugarmill as they were working hard to open their kitchen after a remodel this summer. She designs colorful posters and artwork to engage the students in the serving line and looks forward to exciting the students and teaching them about the food they are eating. She even made her own "golden spatulas" for each grade level for Nations School Lunch Week. Brenda is always looking for ways to make our program shine as she is also a shining light for the students at WES. Beyond her creativity, she is a hard worker and is always willing to go the extra mile to learn about our program and support Camden County students. We are also excited for her to attend the School Nutrition Assistant Program through the Georgia School Nutrition Association this coming week and bring back the knowledge she gains to our staff.

WOODBINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

CLERICAL STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Sherell Graham-Owens

Ms. Owens, Ms. Graham or as we like to call her here at SMES, “Nana” is the heart and soul of the SMES office staff. As our principal says, “she is the one who really runs the school”! Ms. Owens handles all the money and ensures our students and staff have what they need throughout the school year. In addition, she takes the time to build relationships with students, riding a bus in the morning to help out, and still has time to help raise her grandchildren while serving as a stalworth in the community through her church organization. We wouldn’t know what to do without our “Nana” and although sometimes it is a full time job to help raise “Nana”, we love her dearly!

ST. MARYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

CUSTODIAN SPOTLIGHT

Gerald Waye

Mr. Waye is well deserving of this recognition as an outstanding custodian at Sugarmill. Maintaining a facility like ours takes hard work, extensive knowledge, perseverance, and is not for the weak of heart. Mr. Waye is a favorite custodian at our school with the faculty, staff, and students. He is one of the most dedicated and hardest workers I know. He is dependable and is always willing to lend a helping hand. He not only cares for our building but, also does many other tasks that support our teachers and students. He helps out in the cafeteria, works with challenging students, pops the best popcorn and serves it to teachers, takes students out for recess, and helps teachers in their classrooms. He takes great pride in his job and our school. He encourages everyone to take care of the “Sugarshack.” He arrives early and works hard to keep everything running and in tip top shape. He is well loved by all! We love the energy and enthusiasm Mr. Waye brings to our building daily. His smile and fun manner create an infectious, positive spirit to Sugarmill.

SUGARMILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

MAINTENANCE SPOTLIGHT

Glenn Mooney

Mr. Mooney is a jack of all trades. He is a master of his craft. There is no job too small or too big. If it is broken and there is not a part available, he can make it. His expertise has helped keep Camden County Schools operating and moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Mooney for your tireless efforts to keep our facilities in top notch condition.

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BUS DRIVER SPOTLIGHT

Denise Owens

Mrs. Denise Owens is our February spotlight driver. She completes a north-end curb-to-curb route daily for us. She also completes multiple runs in the middle of the day for Ombudsman and CLC students. She is one of our most dependable drivers who is always willing to help out. Mrs. Denise always provides great service with a smile!

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT