

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

(BAR-BA-RAN)

MICHELLE BARBARAN

KINDERGARTEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

MRS. BARBARAN BEGAN HER TEACHING CAREER IN PRESCHOOL. OVER THE YEARS SHE HAS TAUGHT TWO YEAR OLDS, VPK FOUR YEAR OLDS, AND NOW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS. IT IS EVIDENT THAT SHE HAS FOUND HER NICHE WORKING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. MRS. BARBARAN IS ENERGETIC AND ENTHUSIASTIC WITH HER STUDENTS, ALWAYS PUSHING THEM TOWARDS EXCELLENCE. ADDITIONALLY, SHE SERVES AS A MENTOR TO OTHER KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS. SHE IS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL WHO BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN HER STUDENTS, PARENTS AND PEERS. IT IS AN HONOR FOR ABUNDANT LIFE TO RECOGNIZE MICHELLE BARBARAN AS TEACHER ON THE MONTH.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

CAITLIN DODGE

PRE-K

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY

MS. DODGE IS THAT SPECIAL TEACHER THAT IS ALWAYS SMILING, AND HAS A CALM PRESENCE IN THE CLASSROOM. SHE IS ABLE TO MAKE THE MOST RELUCTANT NEWCOMER FEEL WELCOME AND COMFORTABLE, WHILE PUTTING ANXIOUS PARENTS AT EASE. HER LITTLE STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS BUSY AND HAPPY, AND EAGER TO LEARN IN THE CARING ENVIRONMENT SHE PROVIDES. IN TRUE ATLANTIC WEST SOARING EAGLE SPIRIT, MS. DODGE'S CLASSROOM IS A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS LEARN TO LOVE LEARNING! ATLANTIC WEST IS PROUD TO HONOR MS. DODGE AS THEIR TEACHER OF THE MONTH.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

(KLO-E) (SHUP-PIER-O)

CHLOE SHAPERO

LANGUAGE ARTS AND WRITING

HEBREW ACADEMY

MRS. SHAPERO IS A TEACHER WHO RELENTLESSLY BELIEVES IN HER STUDENTS. SHE REFUSES TO GIVE UP ON ANY ONE OF THEM. ALL OF HER STUDENTS EXCEL IN LANGUAGE ARTS AND WRITING. MRS. SHAPERO OFTEN WORKS WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE EITHER STRUGGLING ACADEMICALLY OR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE SELF-CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO SUCCEED IN READING AND WRITING. HER “NO FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF” ATTITUDE IS BOTH INSPIRING AND DEMANDING IN THE MOST POSITIVE WAYS AND HER STUDENTS CAN’T HELP BUT RISE TO THE CHALLENGE. IT IS WITH ENORMOUS PRIDE THAT HEBREW ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL HONOR MRS. CHLOE SHAPERO, AS THEIR TEACHER OF THE MONTH.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

(MOE-RAH) (HI-YUH) (HE-LEE-FEE-UH)

MORAH CHAYA ELIEFJA

1ST GRADE JUDAIC STUDIES

HEBREW ACADEMY

MORAH ELIEFJA IS A MASTER TEACHER. SHE HAS DEVELOPED A VERY SOPHISTICATED AND HIGH LEVEL JUDAIC PROGRAM. HER FIRST GRADE STUDENTS MASTER ALL OF THE BEGINNING SKILLS NECESSARY TO READ AND PRAY IN A FORMAL JEWISH SCHOOL SETTING. HER STUDENTS CELEBRATE MID-YEAR WITH A SPECIAL CELEBRATION WHEN THEY RECEIVE THEIR VERY OWN SID-DUR, A JEWISH PRAYER BOOK. MORAH ELIEFJA TAKES ENORMOUS PRIDE IN PREPARING HER STUDENTS FOR THIS MOST SPECIAL MOMENT IN THEIR LIVES. AS A LONG-TIME TEACHER, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR MORAH ELIEFJA TO KEEP LEARNING TO BE A BETTER TEACHER; ON THE CONTRARY, SHE HAS GONE OUT OF HER WAY TO WORK TO BECOME A 21ST CENTURY TEACHER. MORAH ELIEFJA KEEPS ABREAST OF THE BEST TECHNIQUES AND IMPARTS HER SKILLS TO HER STUDENTS. FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, HEBREW ACADEMY IS PROUD TO HONOR MORAH ELIEFJA AS THEIR TEACHER OF THE MONTH.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

(CO-CE-A)

SUSAN COCCIA

ASD, GRADES 1, 2 & 3

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

MRS. COCCIA CONTINUALLY SHOWS A COMPASSION AND DEDICATION TO HER STUDENTS THAT RIVALS NO OTHER. HER KIND AND GENEROUS DEMEANOR HELPS HER STUDENTS MEET THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL. MRS. COCCIA IS AN INCREDIBLE TEACHER, WHO GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR HER STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. LIBERTY ELEMENTARY IS PROUD TO HONOR MRS. COCCIA AS THEIR TEACHER OF THE MONTH.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

TROY WHEATON

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

MARGATE ELEMENTARY

IN A WORLD FULL OF ONLINE GAMING, TEXTING, AND IPADS, IT TAKES SOMEONE TRULY SPECIAL TO GET ANYONE UP AND MOVING; THAT IS WHY IT IS SUCH AN HONOR FOR MARGATE ELEMENTARY TO HAVE MR. WHEATON AS THEIR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER. MR. WHEATON IS SOMEONE WHO MAKES PLANS AND PUTS THEM INTO ACTION; IN FACT, HE HAS WRITTEN AN ENTIRE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM THAT IS USED BY BROWARD COUNTY AND IS AVAILABLE AS A RESOURCE TO COUNTLESS OTHER TEACHERS. THIS YEAR HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FOR HIS HUGE FUNDRAISING SUCCESS, "JUMP ROPE FOR HEART CAMPAIGN". HIS LEADERSHIP HELPED RAISE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE. LIKE MOST SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS, MR. WHEATON IS EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE, WHETHER HE IS HOSTING A FIELD DAY, ADMINISTERING A TEST TO STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, OR HOSTING A GROUP OF STUDENTS ON THE FLY. HE IS ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND ACCOMMODATING, MAINTAINING HIS HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM, AND USING HIS FULL EXPERTISE AS AN EDUCATOR. MR. WHEATON HAS JOKED THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS CALLED "COACH", HE IS NOT A COACH OF ANY PARTICULAR SPORT IN OUR SCHOOL; BUT HE MOST DEFINITELY COULD COACH ANYONE ON HOW TO BE A TEAM PLAYER, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT HE EXCELS AT. FOR ALL THESE THINGS, MARGATE ELEMENTARY IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE MR. WHEATON AS THEIR TEACHER OF THE MONTH.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

(NOR-RI-SHAWN)

NORRISHAWN WASHINGTON

6TH GRADE

MARGATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

(WRITTEN BY STUDENT OF THE MONTH ERIKA ALBARRAN)

I BELIEVE THAT MS. WASHINGTON SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR TEACHER RECOGNITION BECAUSE, EVER SINCE I HAVE ARRIVED AT MARGATE MIDDLE, SHE HAS MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS A PART OF THE GROUP. MS. WASHINGTON HAS SHOWED ME THINGS THAT I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT. IN CONCLUSION, I BELIEVE WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT MS. WASHINGTON SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD FOR TEACHER OF THE MONTH.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

JOAN BROOKES GRANT

MIDDLE SCHOOL

RISE ACADEMY

MRS. GRANT IS A COMPASSIONATE TEACHER. IF ONE OF HER STUDENTS IS HAVING A PROBLEM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, SHE WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO HELP THEM THROUGH THOSE ISSUES. MRS. GRANT IS ABLE TO BUILD COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS AROUND HER, EVEN IF THEY RESIST. SHE CREATES LESSONS THAT GRAB HER STUDENT'S ATTENTION, AND KNOWS HOW TO MAKE LEARNING FUN. RISE ACADEMY IS PROUD TO HONOR MRS. GRANT FOR TEACHER OF THE MONTH.