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### **CPS Announces Certified and Support Employees for March 2015**



Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce that Ms. Kelly Powell has been selected as the Support Employee of the month; Ms. Powell is an Administrative Assistant at Parkview Elementary and Ms. Gail Kessler has been selected as the Certified Employee of the month; Ms. Kessler is a Life Skills teacher at Charlotte High School.

Ms. Kelly Powell was nominated by the Parkview School Improvement Team. In their nomination, they wrote: “Kelly is one of the first faces that parents and students are greeted by as they enter the office. With her cheery disposition and positive attitude, Parkview families feel they are treated as their concern is the most important issue that needs to be addressed.” “One of Kelly’s greatest assets is her true belief that every child deserves the same care and concern that a mother would give.” “Parents have commented that they feel their children are well taken care of at school and know that Kelly will call them with any concerns.” “When needed, Kelly offers to stay late or cover in emergencies when an event needs extra supervision.” “In her first year at Parkview, Kelly’s talents have added a high quality of human warmth, genuine concern for students’ and families’ well-being, and support of Parkview’s vision to support all students in their quest to be the best student they can be.”

Ms. Gail Kessler was nominated by fellow teachers, Julie Crossman, Sarah Milarch, JoDean Snyder and Lisa Spoelstra. Also included were 16 letters from students in honor of Ms. Kessler and what she has meant to them. Excerpts of what was written in her nomination include: “Gail is completing 37 years of service to this district. She has provided students with valuable lessons in life skills. In and out of the classroom Gail builds strong relationships with students. She creates trust with her students and many have confided in her with their deepest struggles relating to the content of her courses including personal family relations, parenting, and life challenges” “Gail also has played a role in mentoring CHS staff. Staff knows that she has a steady, calm, and realistic view on the pulse of the building.” “Gail is always fair, straight forward, honest and has great integrity. She is never quick to judge, always compassionate, dependable, and authentic.” “Gail has maintained a true dedication to CHS and a school spirit from her early days as a cheerleading coach to her final days in the classroom. This level of commitment is unsurpassed.

Gail embodies true Oriole Pride.” “Gail’s retirement will definitely leave a void....yet her legacy will remain imprinted on the hearts of the countless generations she has influenced.”

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](http://www.charlottenet.org) or feel free to call 541-5101 for more information.