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Family Resource Agency of North Georgia

December 2011

Staff Of The Month



Sandra Sharp is a Floating Asst. Teacher at Chattooga HS and Pennville HS.

Staff of the Month for January is Sandra Sharp, Floating Assistant Teacher for Chattooga HS and Pennville HS.

"Sandra is always willing to do whatever is needed in order to keep things running smoothly. She is always friendly and flexible no matter what happens during her day.

"On top of floating between the classrooms, she is always willing and able to help the Center Manager keep up with whatever he needs done. She travels between Chattooga and Pennville to keep supplies readily available to the classrooms and gives breaks at both centers.

"You can always recognize Sandra by her positive attitude and smiling face. We are proud to have such a dedicated person at Chattooga/Pennville. Thanks, Sandra, for all you do!"



CAUGHT *in the Act*



Carl Quinn - Operations Specialist for Ringgold EHS, Tiger Creek, and all of Murray and Whitfield county. On November 16, 2011, the Murray Head Start and EHS centers were very short-staffed. The center manager was busy running the kitchen for the "Thanksgiving Lunch". It was raining outside and meals had to be transported between buildings.



Carl, the Operations Specialist, was on-site that day to complete projects for the Operations department. However, when he saw what a pickle Quantrell, the Center Manager was in, his years of classroom experience flashed before him. He knew he was there for another reason, but also realized that the children being fed must take priority. So, he asked what he could do to help her. Quantrell gladly handed him a hairnet and Carl went to work preparing plates and serving the children and parents who had come to celebrate Thanksgiving. Carl Quinn is a valued employee and we don't know what we would do without him!

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PLEASE REMEMBER

- Time is running out to get your Health Risk Assessment done! It is due to Catherine Rice at the Cleveland Office no later than January 31, 2012. If you haven't already made your appointment, please do so. The continuation of your Agency health insurance coverage is dependent upon the completion of the HRA.
- See you at the FRA Holiday In-Service on December 19th at the Colonnade in Ringgold, GA! Lunch will be provided for this event.



Silent Auction

Don't forget to donate new items for the Silent Auction to be held at the December 19th In-Service. And be sure and remember to bring some money so you can do some last minute Holiday shopping! There are some great gifts to be had — if you're the highest bidder! — and all proceeds from the auction go to the Child Advocacy Fund. Please contact Debbie McKissick at dmckissick@fragahs.com or 706.419.7020 if you have questions.





From The Director's Desk

By Rebecca Fulham, Director

Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies: We officially "opened" the Chattooga EHS center that we purchased from the Chattooga County Schools, the new Valley Point Head Start Center that was built to replace the burned center and the new Ringgold EHS Center that replaces the modulars lost in the spring tornadoes. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making these centers happen.

THANK YOU!! to: OPS Staff - Glenn Elrod, Greg Cargile, Carl Quinn, Eddie Millican - and Debbie McKissick, Special Projects Coordinator, for designing and overseeing the construction, placement, code compliance and state licensing of the new Valley Point HS and Ringgold EHS centers to replace the ones destroyed by fire and tornadoes. Designing a center and playground that meets the regulations for Head Start, DECAL licensing, and fire marshal and building codes is no small task. Doing it in record time to get both centers funded, built, placed, set up, playgrounds constructed and all approved by the required authorities is a major accomplishment and included mountains of paperwork. Thank you to the center staff - Stephenie Mitchell and Ann York and the Valley Point staff and Sherree Lovain and Stacy Long and the Ringgold EHS staff for all of their work to clean up and salvage materials/files, etc. from the old centers, provide home based services for continuity to the families, set up in the temporary locations and then move in and set up to operate in the new centers. We applaud their efforts and thank them for their hard work in making this happen!



Chattooga EHS



Valley Point HS



Ringgold EHS





Think Pink!

By Teresa Millican, Program Coordinator

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you! May your seasonal lights be bright and your children and families have a bright season too!

The Ringgold Primary Head Start class was invited to a play and to visit their Crayon Pal's room for an art activity! Isn't that wonderful collaboration? They all enjoyed the time together.

When the male principal at Park Creek began to speak over the intercom system recently, a girl asked her teacher, Mrs. Nita, if that was God speaking. I hope you are all writing down these wonderful things our children are saying - we could write a book!

I will be distributing coats to your centers soon, so let me know if you are in dire need and I will come to you first.

Mrs. Angie and Mrs. Sheila's class at Westside had an excellent program for the Georgia Head Start Association Fall Conference attendees. Congratulations to Karla Suttle for being the Georgia Head Start teacher of the year!

Thank you to the Chattooga and Pennville staff for the warm reception given for the retiring special services director in Chattooga County, Mr. Mitch Williams. We appreciate all he has done for our shared children and families.



By Melissa Hankins, Child Development Coordinator

Fall Conference. Thank you to all the Center Managers and Center Supervisors who worked so hard gathering donations for the 2011 GHSA Fall Conference in Dalton, GA. Your hard work to benefit the Georgia Head Start Association is greatly appreciated! Thank you for helping make the Fall Conference a HUGE success!

Open Houses / Ribbon Cuttings. I had the chance to attend all of the recent Open House / Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for Chattooga EHS, Valley Point HS, and Ringgold EHS (see photos, page 2). Thank you to all the staff at these Centers for working hard to help these Centers look their best and for coordinating with news media and community representatives to make these events a success.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Karla Suttle, GAHS Teacher of the Year

By Melissa Hankins, Child Development Coordinator



At the recent Georgia Head Start Association Fall Conference, our own Teacher of the Year, Karla Suttle, received the honor of being awarded Teacher of the Year for the state of Georgia. She was presented with her award at the Fall Conference, with her coworkers and family present to celebrate her wonderful achievement (see photo below where Karla is pictured with her husband and family).

Karla competed against thirty-three other programs in the state to win the Teacher of the Year award. Her information will now go on to the Regional level to compete against teachers from seven other states. We will know in February who will be selected at the Regional level — we certainly wish Karla the best of luck, and once again, CONGRATULATIONS! You make us all proud!



Happy Holidays!

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**DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Isabel Fuentes-Calderon
- 1 Brittany James
- 4 Judy Smith
- 7 Kristi Hibbs
- 8 Brandy Wilson
- 10 Lisa Elrod
- 13 Rubi Barajas
- 13 Brandy Hill
- 15 Alicia Martinez
- 17 Barbie Fitzpatrick
- 18 Ashley Trentham
- 18 Hannah Carroll
- 19 Kelly Fariss
- 19 Amanda Leverrett
- 21 Lisa Payne-Rice
- 23 Pat Williams
- 27 Jennifer Etheridge



Admin's gone Grinch and put on their Who-ville secret identities. Here they are!

- Aimee—Acupuncturist Aimee Sassy-snew-Who
- Becca—Baker Becca Funny-goo-Who
- Becky—Berrypicker Becky Gappy-doo-Who
- Betsy—Berrypicker Betsy Tappy-two-Who
- Beverly—Berrypicker Beverly Bippity-boo-Who
- Craig—Chef Craig Kalamazoo-Who
- David—Dancer David Happy-snew-Who
- Debbie—Dithering Debbie Marziboo-Who
- Donna—Doctor Donna Bippity-boo-Who
- Eva—Economic Eva Nitty-noo-Who
- Glenn—Gabby Glenn Ewe-Who
- Kelly—Kapitan Kelly Conga-loo-Who
- Kim—Kapitan Kim Gargimoo-Who
- Kristen—King Kristen Pointy-snew-Who
- Martha—Magistrate Martha Boperoo-Who
- Melissa—Magistrate Melissa Happy-snew-Who
- Melody—Musician Melody Woozle-woo-Who
- Michelle—Mellifluous Michelle Hula-hoo-Who
- Paula—Painter Paula Bippity-boo-Who
- Phyllis—Paparazzi Phyllis Tasty-moo-Who
- Retha—Running Retha Aboo-Who
- Star—Suave Star Faberoo-Who
- Tamara—Tap-dancin' Tamara Lolliphoo-Who
- Teresa—Tap-dancin' Teresa Maple-dew-Who

To make your own Who-ville name, go to:
http://www.grinched.com/frame_home.html

**QUALITY
CORNER**

~ Submitted by
Betsy Taggart
and
Martha Baker,
Quality Monitors



**Happy Holidays and
Best Wishes
for the New Year!**

~ Betsy & Martha



Chattooga HS / Pennville HS. Chattooga and Pennville has had a great start this year! The teachers and FSS came in eager to begin the new school year. We are pleased to announce our new teachers this year: Lekesha Veatch (Lead Teacher), Megan Trammell (Asst. Teacher), Mozelle Morman (Asst. Teacher) , and Abby Tapp (Asst. Teacher). We have had great dedication from every staff member as we take on the new assessment. Sometimes new things can be difficult but our staff has been very patient and understanding.

We would also like to recognize our community helpers who have come out this year to help the children learn about safety. Our wonderful community volunteers include: the Summerville Fire Dept., Smokey the Bear, the Georgia State Patrol, and Chattooga County EMT. All the teachers and students were very grateful for our community coming and volunteering their time to help the children learn safety skills.

With Christmas (and winter) around the corner, we hope everyone is safe in their travels and are sure to take the proper precautions at home and work to ensure a great return at the beginning of the year! ~Submitted by Joseph Burrage, CM.

*"Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many,
Not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."
~Charles Dickens*