

KCK Board of Education Honors December Employees of the Month



The Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education honored two staff members as Employees of the Month at their meeting on December 13: (from left) Stephanie Dickson, PE teacher at Silver City Elementary School; and Marsha Calovich, assistant director of Transportation.

Stephanie Dickson, P.E. teacher at Silver City Elementary School, was nominated by teachers Megan Mejia, Linda Macek, Lauren Sosinski and school nurse Sharma Prosser. In their nominations, they said, “Mrs. Dickson inspires the students at Silver City to be active and healthy as well as attentive, empathetic and team players. Her work can be seen beyond the walls of the gym in the students’ attitudes. She is extremely passionate about her job and her students. She has increased parent and student involvement in her ‘morning walk’ routine. She spent her summer coming into the school to paint shapes and symbols on the gym floor to add color and learning resources to our multi-purpose room. Stephanie always seems to be in the process of writing a grant or making calls to get new equipment and PE resources for the students. She welcomes her PE classes with a smile and upbeat attitude. She exhibits the mission statement of ‘Silver City Shining Stars’.”

Marsha Calovich, assistant director of transportation, was nominated by Kidzone employees Daryel Garrison and Trina Green. In their nomination, they wrote, “When we first learned of Marsha’s retirement we called to tell her that Kidzone could not accept her request for retirement. Since we could not convince her to change her mind, we thought we must publicly acknowledge our appreciation for her tremendous support and dedication to the transportation needs of the students in the Kidzone program and throughout the district. Marsha’s attention to detail and follow-through gave us a true peace of mind at the beginning of each school year as well as throughout the school year and during summer programming. Last minute requests were not an obstacle, nor were

special requests for students and families who had limited access to transportation. Her professionalism and experience were evident. It seems she was always ‘on-call’ as she responded expeditiously when there was a parent or school concern. While we will greatly miss her insight and compassion, we wish her the very best during her retirement.”