

Celebration of Excellence

Employee of the Month

CMS – Laura Hightower

College attended: Graduated from SFA in 2000 with a Bachelor Degree in Education. Before that I attended Angelina College

Years in education: I've been in Education for 17 years. I worked in the Diboll ISD district for 14 years teaching first and 2nd grade. This will be my 3rd year in Center ISD.

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration? My greatest supporter would be my mother. She would always say you can accomplish anything if you put heart and soul into it. She has always encouraged me to set my goals high in life and never give up on them.

Why did you choose to become an educator? I've always loved working with and being around kids. My first career choice was to become a Pediatric nurse. That all changed when I started working at a daycare center while going to college. I loved seeing the children learn and grow. How their minds worked and always wanting more. So my 3rd year in college I changed my major to Education.

What makes a good teacher? Making sure that your student's know that you care and you're there to support them if needed. Someone that is willing to change and grow with their students each year. A person that knows education is ever changing and there's really no right answer/way in how you teach. No one child learns in the same way so finding ways to make sure that they are learning to their highest potential is what it's all about.

A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve? To keep learning for my students. To help them as much as possible and find ways to always keep learning fun and interesting. LOL and try to stay a little more organized.

What do you love about CISD? I love my friends and family at CMS. Want to give a shout out to my 6th grade peeps. The BEST group of ladies and gentleman to work with. They are a caring group of people and always there to help you out. Always, giving a shoulder to cry on if needed and cheering you up when you're down.

From Around Campus:

Laura is one of the reasons I love my job at CMS. When I need a laugh or someone to talk to she's always there. I see Laura making connections with her kids and you can tell that she truly wants her students to be successful in everything they do. Her heart is definitely in teaching! I am blessed to have a friend and co-worker like her! :)

Laura is just a fun person to be around. With all the negativity in this world, she brings light. I'm not even in her building, but I always enjoy talking to her when I can. She is great at hospitality and getting things done on our campus. We are blessed to have Laura.

Laura is an amazing teacher and friend. She is always willing to help. She stepped up and coached a UIL team and her teams are amazing. Laura will never realize how much the "staff get together" that she plans means to everyone

