

# *Celebration of Excellence*

## *Employee of the Month*

### **CMS – Jennifer Armstrong**

**College attended:** BA in HISTORY, double Minor in Sec. Ed and Dance from SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY; but an AGGIE at Heart, LOL!!!!!!

**Years in education:** All in all about 9 years. This will be my 5th year as a certified teacher.

**Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?** My greatest supporter I believe is MY FAMILY and of course GOD. I feel so blessed!

**Why did you choose to become an educator?** I was inspired to become a History teacher because my grandmother would share stories of my family ancestors, my grandfather in WWII, etc., and when I was in high school there was a husband and wife whom both taught History and I loooooooved their classes! So I knew I wanted to stick to the "juicy facts" and teach history; make it fun to learn!

**What makes a good teacher?** I believe a good teacher is someone who is always encouraging, full of ideas and ways of improvement. We are role models for our youth, perfect examples of how some of us "were once young, made mistakes also" but look at how we learned and grew from those mistakes and became mature, well-educated individuals.

**A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve?** I want to be involved AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, and a lot of the times that means even though I can't make it to a lot of the football/volleyball/basketball games, I will go attend a practice, play volleyball with some of my students, help them rehearse for a play, or just hang out with them during lunch.

**What do you love about CISD?** CISD feels like HOME..... I LOVE how the staff is VERY SUPPORTIVE, ALWAYS GREETED with a smile, WILLING to lend a hand if needed, and the amount of "wild" ideas we all have.... lol, it's addictive, lol, makes a person WANT TO WORK FOR CISD! BASICALLY, I LOVE EVERYTHING!

#### **From around campus:**

“Her students come out of her class excited about history. They even come to me and show me what they've been learning in class. She always has a smile on her face and greets you with enthusiasm.”

“She always greets fellow teachers and students with a smile on her face. Also, she makes learning history fun with engaging activities for her students.”

