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Shirley Hills Elementary Principal Surprised with Cash Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Shirley Hills Elementary School Principal Dr. Traci Jackson was surprised today with a cash award for being named the 2018 Georgia Distinguished Principal for District 11. The Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP) annually identifies exemplary school leaders in 16 districts through the Georgia Distinguished Principal program. GAESP Executive Director Hal Beaver and Mentoring Minds Senior Vice President for Educator Relations, Teresa Sherman, presented Dr. Jackson a check for \$1,000.

Pictured (from left) are: Sherman, Dr. Jackson, Beaver and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Scott.

“School principals commit their professional lives to educational

excellence and their personal lives to children,” said Beaver. “They are uniquely dedicated public servants who rarely receive the kind of public recognition they deserve.”

GAESP award criteria include that a principal must:

- be selected by their colleagues for achievements above and beyond those expected in a school program;
- show commitment to excellence by offering programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of students and staff;
- demonstrate commitment and service to the community;
- exhibit strong leadership skills and high expectations;
- demonstrate outstanding contributions to the well-being of the educational community; and

- be respected by students, colleagues, parents and community at large.

Mentoring Minds is an educational publisher focused on creating a successful learning environment for children. Mentoring Minds' mission and commitment is to motivate children to think critically and learn effective problem-solving skills in the classroom to prepare them for life in the 21st Century global marketplace.

Shirley Hills Elementary is located at 300 Mary Lane in Warner Robins. For more information, please visit <http://www.gael.org/affiliates/gaesp-a/> or contact Dr. Jackson at 478-929-7824 or Traci.Jackson@hcbe.net.

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