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Hilltop Elementary Teacher Named Finalist for Georgia Pre-K Teacher of the Year



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Hilltop Elementary School Pre-K Teacher Kiley Bosworth has been named one of Georgia's top three finalists for *Georgia Pre-K Teacher of the Year* in the public school sector. The winner will be announced in September.

On May 7, a cadre of special guests visited her classroom to surprise her with the announcement that she is a finalist. Pictured behind Bosworth's Pre-K students are (from left): Wendy Wood, Hilltop Elementary Paraprofessional; Amy Browder, Pre-K Regional Manager; Carrie Ashbee, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) Foundation Executive Director; Amy M. Jacobs, Commissioner, Bright from the Start: Georgia DECAL; Bosworth; Blanche Lamb, Houston County Board of Education Coordinator for Special Programs; Peggy Kosater, Pre-K Consultant; and Ruth

Bennett, Hilltop Elementary Assistant Principal. (Not pictured is Meghan McNail, DECAL Summer Transition Program and Outreach Coordinator.)

More than 330 students have come through Bosworth's Pre-K classrooms. She is excited to watch her first Houston County Pre-K class graduate from high school this year. The first group of Pre-K students she ever taught will also graduate from college.

Hilltop Elementary Principal Dr. Ovedia Glover said, "We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Bosworth as our Pre-K teacher. She leads the team, sponsors student activities and supports community services. She is definitely 'Soaring at the Top!'"

Lamb commented, "This award comes as no surprise because parents and children alike thoroughly love Ms. Bosworth and the learning experience she provides in her classroom. In addition, she's a valuable asset to all of our Pre-K teachers because she leads many professional development classes. Even after 16 years in the classroom, her excitement continues as she watches students of all ages, as well as her colleagues, grow and succeed. We are proud to have Mrs. Kiley Bosworth as one of our own!"

Bosworth does not limit her contribution to Pre-K students. Eleven years ago, she initiated annual prayer walks by faculty and staff in a show of support for their school. Today this group is known as "Teachers Living for Christ (TLC)." When approached by student leaders in her school, she agreed to help the students establish a Students Living for Christ (SLC) Club that is open to all ages.

In August, Bosworth will be observed in the classroom. She will also submit a video of her teaching a small group lesson. In addition, she will also go to Atlanta for a face-to-face interview with the selection committee.

Hilltop Elementary is located at 301 Robert Bryson Smith Parkway in Bonaire. Dr. Ovedia Glover serves as principal. For more information, please contact Lamb at 478-988-6200, ext. 10193.

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