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HC Gifted TOTY: NES Jan Kirchoff

HOUSTON -- Northside Elementary School gifted teacher **Jan Kirchoff** has been named the Gervaise Wynn Perdue **Gifted Program Teacher of the Year** by the Houston County Association for Gifted Children. Mrs. Kirchoff has taught in the gifted program at Northside Elementary for 15 years.

According to Barbara Finley, director of gifted education, "Mrs. Kirchoff exemplifies the qualities of all gifted education teachers in Houston County." Her principal, Mary Lou Ezell, described Mrs. Kirchoff as "a master teacher of the gifted, who has not only implemented the curriculum with innovation and creativity, but has built relationships with her students well beyond the elementary years. She is open to new ideas and offers her students opportunities for them to exceed expectation."

Mrs. Kirchoff will be the Houston County nominee for the Georgia Gifted Teacher of the year which will be named at the annual the Georgia Association of Gifted Children Convention in March 2006. Nominees from other schools were: Mrs. Barbara Hilliard (Warner Robins High School), Mrs. Lori Campbell (Warner Robins Middle School), Mrs. Shannon Bryant (Quail Run Elementary), and Mrs. Terry Lenderman (Bonaire Elementary).

For more information about the award, please contact Mrs. Finley at (478) 988-6200 or bafinley@hcbe.net. Mrs. Kirchoff may be contacted by email at jkirchoff@hcbe.net or by phone at 478-929-7816.

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