

Students and Staff Recognized as “Legend Bound” Leaders

Kenneth Gardner Elementary School is reaping positive results from the implementation of its “Legend Bound” mentoring program. The program, developed by Collen Kelty, school principal, seeks to partner adults with students to form relationships that foster support, guidance, and encouragement, with an emphasis on empowerment, leadership, and education for the student mentees.

The “Legend Bound” program is two-fold – forming adult/student mentor relationships, but also to recognize students and staff who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and who are role models in the school and community.

At the school’s recent Honors Program, fifth grade students, Randy McFadden and Jaiden McKnight (pictured) are recognized as “Legend Bound” leaders, being the first recipients of the “Legend Bound” jacket. The wearer of this jacket puts him/her in a category of showing promise for a successful and productive future, now and as adults. Darice Wilson (pictured), school music teacher, and Blakely Hemingway (pictured), school Reading Coach, are the first staff members to be honored with the “Legend Bond” jacket. Wilson and Hemingway are recognized for their contributions made to the educational program at the school. “Mr. Wilson has been very flexible in taking on different roles in the school, in sponsoring the Man Power boys’ program, and in working with students in the 21st Century afterschool program,” says Kelty. Kelty goes on to say, “Mrs. Hemingway has been a great motivator for students and staff in the mornings. We’re all energized by the lively, school-spirited morning assemblies presented by students under the directorship of Mrs. Hemingway. Her energy, enthusiasm, and love for people is an inspiration to everyone around her.”

Selection for recipients of the “Legend Bound” jackets is made by the school’s Administrative Team. Anyone interested in being Legend Bound mentor at Kenneth Gardner Elementary or in donating funds for the Legend Bound jackets can contact the school at (843) 355-7233.