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(STAUNTON, VA – April 28, 2015) Staunton City Schools is pleased to announce **Mrs. Shannon Love, 3rd grade Teacher at McSwain Elementary School** as the Staunton City School Teacher of the Year for 2015. Mrs. Love was selected from among six school-level representatives to receive the division award. She will be recognized by the School Board at their regular monthly meeting on May 11, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers located on the first floor of the City Hall building.

The selection process for the division Teacher of the Year included review of personal biographies and essays from the candidates, a conversational interview, and individual classroom visits. “When you walk into Mrs. Love’s classroom, you can feel a special environment,” notes Mrs. Dori Walk, Executive Director of Instruction. “She creates a place students want to be. The respect and love they have for their teacher and the respect and love she has for them are evident. Students learn best in such a supportive, trusting, and caring classroom.”

Mrs. Love has an undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech and a Master’s in Teaching degree from Mary Baldwin College. She began teaching in Harrisonburg in 2002 and in 2011 she joined the faculty at McSwain where she has taught second and third grades. She has served on various division and school committees related to discipline, grading, student support and literacy. In her essay, Shannon included three important beliefs about teaching: first, that students need hands-on access to content in order to understand and remember; second, that it is important to set high standards for students and then give them encouragement and support to reach those standards; and third, that she believes in modeling hard work for her students. Mrs. Love, sums it up well when she writes, “As educators, we have a mighty task. All students should know we are in their corners. We will push them to succeed. We will celebrate their achievements and offer guidance when they stumble. Most of all, we will help prepare them to, someday, do the same for others, both in their communities and the world beyond.”

Mrs. Love's 3rd grade students at McSwain congratulate her after learning that she was selected as the SCS 2015 Teacher of the Year.



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