Greater Sanford Regional Chamber of Commerce

Monthly TEACHER Recognition Breakfast

**Teacher Biography**

Central Florida Zoo – Wayne Densch Building: 3755 US 17, Sanford, FL 32771

**Award Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Feb 3\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Time: 7:45 am – 8:40 am**

Teacher Name: Rebecca Gilmartin

Teaching Assignment: Art

School: Markham Woods Middle School

Name of School Administrator Attending: Byron Durias

Name(s) of Family Member(s) Attending: 2 Family Members attending but I do not have names

College / University attended and Degree(s) earned: MA in Art Education from University of Florida

Reason(s) for being honored: (Please honor a teacher or specialist who has shown exceptional growth in his/her position, given above and beyond to the students and/or school or has impacted the school through new ideas or programs.)

Ms. Gilmartin is a dedicated educator who goes above and beyond to make sure that our campus is beautiful and that students are engaged in making art. She stays after school each week to work with students on art Club, working on their own art and pieces for events like Arts Alive. She also works closely with a team of parents to put together student artwork into display pieces around campus, filling hallways and walls with colors student art. During the fall, Ms. Gilmartin worked with students and parents to create all of the fair themed decorations for our school-wide community night, including twenty table banners, hand painted life-size picture cutouts, and posters. With all that going on she still managed to create an engaging community art event for everyone to participate in that evening. In short, Ms. Gilmartin is dedicated to making art a central part of student life at Markham.

Future Plans:

In her own words, Ms. Gilmartin said, “During my research at the University of Florida, I became aware of how the art class experience for students can be much more than teaching visual aesthetics. The art classroom of today can become a conduit of promoting environmental consciousness in the classroom and community. This past year I worked with our art club students in collaboration with the Green Club at our school to promote our current recycling program. Also, I developed a workshop called “Personal Adornment” at a school community event that promotes recycling of plastic bottle caps that are harmful to our environment. In the future, I would like to continue to develop ways to encourage community art participation. I would like to organize a recreational paint nite for my coworkers, as well. For additional information about my work and teaching ideas, you can visit my website at rebeccagilmartin.com.”

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A continental breakfast is available for all attendees starting at **7:45 am**. The awards presentation will begin at **8:15 am.** Once the awards are presented, you are welcome to return back to your school.