

## MEET THE January 2024 Winners



**Veronica Batson**

Behavior Coach, BCES

Mrs. Batson is our behavior coach. She serves as a case manager for several students and is on call for all behavioral concerns. Mrs. Batson is a vital resource for teachers related to behavioral concerns. She wanted to provide incentives campus-wide and asked that we purchase a program called Silent Disco. The Silent Disco is a music program with 30 headsets that the students can listen to and dance along with for various reasons. Mrs. Batson is using it as a cafeteria incentive now. Mrs. Batson works with various paraprofessionals on the campus to meet the variety of needs of our students. Mrs. Batson is wholeheartedly dedicated to making students' lives better. She will go the extra mile for any student and is making a Big Impact on Bay Colony!



**Jacquelyn Kennedy**

Director of Curriculum & Instruction, ESC

As the Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Jacquelyn Kennedy exemplifies exceptional dedication and enthusiasm in her role. Her youthful vigor and deep passion for her work are truly inspiring. Jacquelyn consistently surpasses expectations, demonstrating a proactive approach to tackling challenges. Moreover, her communication skills are notable; she possesses a unique talent for using words that uplift and support others. Collaborating with Jacquelyn is a professional privilege and a genuine pleasure.



**Matthew Catching**

Communications Specialist, ESC

Since he began here, he has been a crucial communication team member, almost exclusively managing our 50+ district social media pages, creating content, graphics, taking photos and videos, and helping manage events. Matthew is a Higher Up Texas Phase II student. Over the summer of 2023, he devised the idea for "How to Middle School" - a summer program geared towards DISD students entering middle school for the first time this school year in partnership with HUT, Gator Wellness, and Lighthouse Christian Ministries. Twenty-eight DISD students came to learn about the core values of HUT to help smooth the transition from elementary to middle school. Matthew is creative and helpful and speaks up when he knows something can be done better. He makes a huge impact every day in DISD.