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Ms. Cheryl Hills, Third Grade Teacher at Washington Community School, Named Teacher Who Makes Magic by local radio station

Friday, February 15, 2019 – Ms. Cheryl Hills, a Third Grade Teacher at Washington Community School, was named Teacher Who Makes Magic! by Magic 98.3 Radio Station.

Students and teachers gathered in the gymnasium today for what they thought was going to be a practice drill, when over the airways in a connection with the radio station, came the announcement that Ms. Hills had won as Teacher Who Makes Magic!

A roar of applause came over the entire place and a stunned Ms. Hills made it to the center of the gymnasium to receive the honors.

"It's a blessing to receive this honor. Never in my life did I imagine that today this would be happening. I have been teaching for a long time and this is what I love. Teaching is in my blood, I like touching kids' lives. "

Ms. Hills is well loved and recognized at Washington Community School. Her colleague Ms. Lisa Biondi, who was responsible for the nomination, said in her nomination statement, "She is gentle but tough and makes sure all students strive to do their best. Cheryl doesn't allow any child to give up.

"When you think about Washington Community School you think of Cheryl Hills. The faculty and staff say she is one of the biggest backbones of the school, and more importantly, an outstanding, positive influence to anyone she comes in contact with. This is why she is a "Teacher Who Makes Magic!"

Ms. Hills began her teaching career 25 years ago in the private sector with her sister, the late Donna Smith. They both later moved on to teach in the Plainfield School District. At

Washington Community School, besides her regular teaching duties, Ms. Hills is actively involved with her students. She is part of the Basketball and Soccer Teams. She advises the Young Entrepreneurs Club, which runs a store after school, and she is part of the Student Council and the Home School Partnership.

Principal Dr. Anthony Jenkins said Ms. Hills was a mentor and a role model to him when he first started his career in the Plainfield Schools. "I myself have learned so much from her. Things that will last me a lifetime. For all these reasons, I will be forever, eternally, thankful to Ms. Hills."

"Somebody recognized me as a role model? This is just a blessing to be recognized for who you are and for what you do," concluded Ms. Hills.

Magic 98.3 website says, "Teachers go above and beyond, both in and out of the classroom, each and every day, so tell us about the special teacher you know! Whether they're a mentor to a child, teach their lessons in an extraordinary way, or do community work outside the classroom! We'll honor all our winners with an awards ceremony and dinner at the Pines Manor in Edison this April!

About Magic 98.3

WMGQ, known on-air as Magic 98.3, is a radio station broadcasting from Somerset, New Jersey and licensed to New Brunswick. It is located at 98.3 FM. The station can be heard in Monmouth, Middlesex, Somerset, Mercer, Union, and Hunterdon counties and parts of Morris and Essex counties. (*Web Source*)

Attachments: Magic 98.3 Radio Station posting
<https://magic983.com/winningtwmm2019/>



Ms. Cheryl Hills, Principal Dr. Anthony Jenkins and the Children at Washington Community School



Ms. Cheryl Hills, Third Grade Teacher at Washington Community School



L-R Teacher Lisa Biondi, Teacher Ms. Cheryl Hills, Principal Dr. Anthony Jenkins

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