



# Oak Ridge Elementary School

*Home of the Soaring Eagles*

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Dear Members of the Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator Committee:

As the Assistant Principal of Oak Ridge Elementary School, I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Jasmine Smith, our Principal, for the past year. The first word that comes to mind when I think of Dr. Smith is determination. In all aspects of the school, she is determined to do her absolute best to ensure we excel.

For our students, Dr. Smith continuously motivates them to excel through her positive interactions with them each day. She reminds teachers, staff, and parents that our students can, and will, rise to excellence. Dr. Smith has created events such as the V.I.P Party to encourage excellence in academics, and she has been the driving force behind activities that offer our students positive school experiences. From our Snow Day where students played in real snow and participated in STEM activities to our Polar Express Night where students took a train to the North Pole and joined family members in literacy activities, Dr. Smith has been determined to offer our students a positive and enriching school experience.

When Dr. Smith first arrived at Oak Ridge Elementary, she was determined to build a positive school culture for staff, students, and families. She has focused on building leaders in our school and on creating a spirit of collaboration among the faculty. With her assistance and guidance, the teachers and staff work together to review data regularly to determine the instructional learning path for our students. Through Dr. Smith's leadership, Oak Ridge moved from a school grade of D to a C in 2019, and we look forward to continuous improvement in the upcoming years.

Dr. Jasmine Smith's determination to lead our students to excellence makes her an outstanding nominee for the Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year. She continues to make a difference in the lives of students, and is a role model for not only me, but also the teachers and staff members she works with each day.

Sincerely,

Terri Martin  
Assistant Principal