

National ACE Specialist Teacher:

Tara Shaw

**K-5th Grade Music Teacher, Friendship Elementary School
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Ms Tara Shaw has taken the ACE program to new heights as a music teacher connecting notes to aerospace since 2016. As part of the school-wide ACE program at [Friendship Elementary School](#), Ms Shaw teaches every student by incorporating ACE lessons in her music curriculum. Each year she has used the music classroom to teach at least 2 lessons per grade level to the students who attend this Title I school in Georgia.

At the time of the award nomination submission, the following ACE Lessons have been taught to every student in each of the grade levels this year:

K Character Lesson #3: "Sing It, Do It: The Golden Rule"

Grade 1 Character Lesson #1: "What Goes Around Comes Around"

Grade 1 Character Lesson #3: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Here is What it Means to Me!"

Grade 2 Character Lesson #2: "Got Flowers?"

Grade 2 Character Lesson #3: "Respect: Who? Why? How? Where?"

Grade 3 Character Lesson #4: "I Pledge Allegiance"

Grade 3 Character Lesson #5: "Are You Responsible?"

Grade 4 Character Lesson #6: "Never Give Up"

Grade 5 Character Lesson #1: "Proud to Be an American!"

Ms Shaw can always be counted on to promote ACE to the students and support the rest of the faculty. She believes in the program and how it can help the students with their character training at Friendship. She is a great example for the other teachers demonstrating how to use the ACE lessons in any subject area.

Teaching the students about honesty, responsibility, respect, perseverance, and pride in being an American brings great joy to this joyous teacher. The students also enjoy how the hands on activities bring music and aerospace education together in relatability for them.

Ms Shaw is a wonderful example of an innovative and passionate teacher who thinks outside the box; using aerospace to also teach music. She certainly demonstrates that art, as a vital part of our lives, can seamlessly turn STEM into STEAM with a very nice beat!



For her innovative manner of interweaving aerospace into her music classes, *CONGRATULATIONS, Ms Tara Shaw!*



Ms Shaw connects the themes of the ACE character lessons to songs that fill the heart, mind, and spirit!

