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Congratulations

Your Grand Central Station Lab at Jones Elementary has been chosen to receive the

Spirit of GCS Award

for the 2013 – 2014 school year.

The CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT recognizes your outstanding teachers and administrators who are continuing to support struggling learners using the structure of Grand Central Station with this special award. Schools are facing unprecedented difficulties in these tough times and many teachers, including GCS teachers, are wearing many hats throughout the school day. In spite of their many additional and necessary duties, your staff is remaining true to the GCS training they received and using research-based strategies, providing differentiated instruction and hands-on learning opportunities, professional collaboration, and building relationships. Many GCS Labs are finding it necessary to tweak the model to fit their individual campus; however, we recognize that your staff's focus remains on the needs of the struggling students on your campus.

Thank you. Thank you for allowing your staff to serve your struggling learners in the most efficient way possible through this tough financial crisis! You do not have an easy task before you, but you see the value in this system – and your staff IS making a difference in the lives of your students. We appreciate you and all that you do to support the students who face the challenges of learning.

Your GCS staff received a certificate and a decal to proudly display in their lab classroom. Your campus is receiving the Spirit of GCS Award because someone in your district indicated that this GCS lab was active and doing well. We would appreciate it if you would take time to recognize their efforts publicly – possibly through a district-wide publication, a school board meeting, a personal email, or even a visit to their room. As a nonprofit organization, CLD is here to support your efforts in serving struggling learners. Included in this mailing, you will find some of the support services specific to GCS labs. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or we can help in any way.

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