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GCT picked to pilot program

GCT to be one of 62 schools to test career-awareness program

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Greene County Tech Elementary counselor Vicki Cordell was selected earlier this month by the Arkansas Department of Education to be one of the participants to pilot the state's new career-awareness program.

Cordell will be implementing and evaluating a program known as Kuder Galaxy, which is a highly interactive system that makes career exploration and awareness fun for children of all ages, according to a letter sent to the district from ADE.

"I am excited about it [the program]," Cordell said. "It is difficult to find elementary level career materials."

Kuder Galaxy will help students to learn more about career interests and achieve self-understanding through their engagement with the online system and parents and teachers can access student involvement through Web-based graphical dashboards, according to the letter.

She said she will begin using the program next month and will continue to do so until December, when it is time for the program to be evaluated.

"We will then tell if we would recommend the program for schools across the state," Cordell said.

According to the letter, if the program proves successful for the pilot schools, it may become part of Arkansas Works, Gov. Beebe's workforce education initiative, and will be available for all elementary schools in the state.

GCT Elementary assistant principal Vonnie Greer said in an e-mail earlier last week that GCT will be one of 62 schools to participate in the pilot program.

For more information about Kuder Galaxy, visit www.kudergalaxy.com.

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