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PMS Teacher Named a Georgia Teacher of the Year



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - **Kylie Ray**, a Perry Middle School language arts teacher, has been chosen as the **Georgia Council of Teachers of English 2010 Middle Grades Teacher of the Year**. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in English and language arts instruction.

Ray will be honored at a Georgia Council of Teachers of English (GCTE) luncheon on Friday, Feb. 12, in Callaway Gardens. She will be presented a \$250 check and a plaque and will also be recognized in GCTE publications.

Ray commented, "Teaching middle school students is my passion and my life's calling. It is deeply humbling to be recognized by my colleagues for doing what I love."

Perry Middle School Principal Thomas Moore said, "Ms. Ray is well-deserving of this award! We are fortunate to have her as a language arts teacher at Perry Middle School."

GCTE is a nonprofit organization with approximately 500 members. It is made up primarily of teachers of English, reading, and literacy at all levels. The organization's aim is the improvement of the teaching and learning of English and language arts in Georgia's elementary, middle and secondary schools and colleges and universities. GCTE provides a variety of services to meet the diverse needs of its members, including annual conferences and workshops and professional development seminars.

Perry Middle is located at 495 Perry Parkway. Ray may be contacted at Kylie.Ray@hcbe.net or (478) 988-6285. For more information, contact Dr. Amy Fouse, Language Arts (6-12) and ESOL Coordinator, at Amy.Fouse@hcbe.net or (478) 988-6224, extension 10238.

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