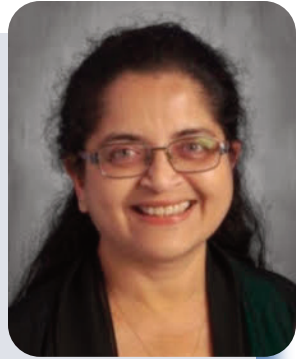


HUNTERDON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Gargi Adhikari

Special Education Teacher
Holland Brook School
Readington Township School District



Gargi Adhikari has a bachelor's degree in geography with a concentration in earth science and environmental science from Rutgers University and a master's degree in special education high-incidence disability from Kean University. As a Teacher of Students with Disabilities, her assignments included teaching second through fifth-grade inclusion and pull-out resource room teaching. She has also taught preschool autism classes utilizing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) approach/Discrete Trial. She helps write lesson plans for the team, shares advice on scientific discourse, and discovers new technologies that the team can use in their classrooms. Gargi is a national presenter and she presented at the New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children Spring conferences. She is an elected member of the National Science Teaching Association's Special Needs Advisory Board and was appointed to serve as the Chairperson on the Board. She serves on the State of New Jersey Department of Education's Elementary Science Advisory Committee working on the fifth-grade state science assessment. At the district level she is part of the Social Awareness Strategic Planning Committee, District Green Committee, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative, and the School Climate Committee. She has shown leadership within the school community by leading a Postcard Project sponsored by the Club for the Future. The project gave students the opportunity to dream of what it would be like to live in outer space in the future and also think of our planet's future. She takes time to listen to her students, collaborate with teachers, and keep her students engaged and interested.