

Lois Boeyink

If you were to ask anyone where Lois's heart is, they would say her heart is with the students and always putting them first. Lois works hard to meet the educational, emotional, social, and physical needs of each student. She has established a quality physical education program including fitness sports and skills. She has done an excellent job of integrating handicapped students into her gym classes. She continually strives to present the best physical education program to Newton students. She has embraced the national physical education standards in her own teaching and has sought to bring a heightened awareness of the value of using the national standards within schools all across Iowa. Testimony of her accomplishments as a teacher is evidenced by the fact that she received National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification in Early and Middle Childhood Physical Education in 2002, one of only two PE teachers in Iowa to receive NBPTS certification.

Lois is extremely organized, student-centered in her approach to teaching and learning, and highly creative with her lesson planning and weekly/yearly activities. She is always exploring ways to be more effective and efficient when conducting her physical education classes. She consistently creates a learning environment that assures success and builds confidence in all children; regardless of their background or skill levels. She implements research-based activities/lessons, and really takes to heart and reflects on her teaching style and the effectiveness and success of her instructional strategies.

Not only is Lois a superb teacher, she also has served in many leadership roles in the Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. She was elected by her peers to serve as IAHPERD president from 1997-2000. She currently serves as Central District Vice-President for the General Division. She has been certified as a Physical Best Instructor and has conducted numerous works.

I like to introduce Lois Boeyink the 2003 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

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Jen Neubauer has been instrumental in developing and conducting a quality physical education program consistent with the guidelines of NASPE for her school.

Jen is often requested by other districts to give presentations and training in the use of physical education equipment, heart monitors, and data assessment systems. (Tri-Fit)

Jen works, plans and sets-up for her classes way beyond the workday. She does this to ensure that all of students are engaged and active every minute of every day they are in her class. This ensures that each student is able to participate at his or her own levels and pace. She has obtained digiwalkers, heart rate monitors, Tri-Fit programming, and a variety of other types of equipment to help her students understand about their individual fitness.

Jen works hard to be a positive role model for her students and her children. She brings with her a passion for her profession each day, and her students feel it. This passion is what also makes Jen's program a leading, progressive model. She has established a curriculum, which provides activities for all students, no matter what their abilities may be. Total participation while finding the joy in movement is the philosophy that Jen's program reflects. Jen understands that a curriculum is ever changing, and she is always seeking ways to improve.

As one of her letters stated: Jen Neubauer is one of the most energetic, influential teachers that I have ever observed in the area of physical education and health.

I would like to introduce: Jen Neubauer: 2003 Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

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Bev Ahern is the best physical education instructor I have ever worked with or heard about and she is a major reason for many of the change initiatives at the high school in the Spencer School District.

It is truly hard to explain the impact that this amazing woman has had on the Spencer district. She is extremely focused on helping students, physically, socially, and emotionally fit. She has energy, vision, and passion for physical education in particular and teaching in general. She loves what she does, and has little time for negativity or passivity. Perhaps the greatest compliment that describes Bev is that she doesn't even know the true impact she has had on the Spencer school district and community--she is always finding ways to thank and give credit to others.

She is respected by the students and her colleagues and is known for her good-natured attitude, and enthusiasm for life. She teaches for all the right reasons---the Students!! Bev is a first-class, professional, dedicated and hard-working educator. She has the utmost respect of her administration, peers, and students for her knowledge, drive, and sensitivity to the needs and of students.

She devotes her life to her family and to this profession.

I'd like to introduce Bev Ahern: 2003 Secondary Physical Teacher of the Year.

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Korri ClarkWilt is always willing to go above and beyond what is expected. This trait is demonstrated in her willingness to work with student's teachers and to mentor new staff members.

Leadership skills are essential in a good health teacher. Korri challenges every student to do a personal reflection of his or her own health at the end of each health unit. She also challenges her student to take pride and responsibility of their own health by requiring her students to take an entrance and exit health survey at the beginning and end of each semester. The goal is for teenagers to start making healthy lifestyle choices.

Korri successfully demonstrates strong interpersonal skills in working with staff, students, and parents. She meets twice a year with the Health and Human Growth Committee, a group of community and school members who represent health practitioners, parents, students, and the ministerial association. Korri leads this committee through a review of the health curriculum and revisions she intends to implement. She is skilled in talking with varied interest groups and is well prepared for each presentation.

One of Korri's biggest assets is her advocacy work with her students. Korri is an approachable teacher where teenagers feel comfortable disclosing personal and family problems. The students know she will not break their trust of confidence unless it is an issue that warrants reporting to the proper authorities.

I would like to introduce to you. Korri ClarkWilt, 2003 Health Teacher of the Year.