

Elizabeth (Betsy) Luck has been in the Oskaloosa Middle School since 2000. During these years, she has been instrumental in bringing a superior reputation to the Oskaloosa Middle School along with many honors and awards to the school and to herself. She has held many leadership roles within the District...She has helped the school's Physical Education department establish district wide Grade Level Benchmarks aligned with National Standards and under her direction, the department has also adopted the Fitness Gram Fitness tests. She works cooperatively with William Penn University also located in Oskaloosa by offering her classroom as an observation and learning experience site to college students. She uses technology extensively in her classroom and shares her knowledge to all other staff members as she is an active member on the school's Technology Advisory Team. Betsy has the ability to turn students on to physical health and fitness. Her caring attitude and superior knowledge of the subject make her effective with students at all levels of ability. She is especially diligent with students who have disabilities, and making sure they succeed and in all areas of her program. Betsy is creative and innovative in her classes. She sets standards high for herself and her students and then works hard to see they are met. Her leadership and desire to give the students her absolute best every day has made her PE program a standard by which others measure themselves. Betsy not only is a respected teacher in the physical education setting— she is respected in the coaching arena. She has been extremely valuable asset to the strength and conditioning program. She has taken her experience as an assistant strength coach and developed a middle school strength and conditioning course. Her humble leadership and passion to see her students succeed has created a classroom environment where students are motivated to become lifelong learners. She is a teacher who is energetic, visionary, and positive, collaborative, and result focused. Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the 2014 Middle School Teacher of the Year— Elizabeth (Betsy) Luck.

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Kelli has been a physical education teacher at Sioux City East High, Sioux City, IA for 26 years. She is the Head Physical Education Teacher for the Sioux City School District. Kelli organizes department professional development for the K-12 physical education teachers. Her professional development opportunities are well organized, relevant for teachers and cause teachers to implement best practices. She has led the physical education teachers to adopt a standards based grading system. She has implemented the use of iPads to assess student performance, making the recording of student performance more manageable for teachers. As head teacher, she leads her department in the development and implementation of academic programs, goals, and learning targets that are designed to meet district and state standards and benchmarks while focusing on individual student achievement. Ms. Tuttle not only actively engages in professional development opportunities, but also prepares and presents professional development for the Physical education teachers in the district. She cares about teaching and truly believes that each student can and will reach their potential. Inspirational, motivational, enthusiastic, and caring define Kelli. She is an exceptional example of what the teaching profession is all about. Positive reinforcement is one of her greatest assets. She is sensitive to the strengths and weaknesses of all students and knows how to approach a teaching moment. One family knows first hand Kelli's dedication and outreach towards students as she helped their son by mentoring him. They felt her positive attitude and encouraging words helped their son on over several occasions through out his high school career. A quote from the mom, "without her and her passion for education and helping others succeed, I do not feel my son would have made the progress that he has made to this day." She is constantly learning, leading, and caring—for the many students she touches each day. Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the 2014 Secondary Teacher of the Year Mrs. Kelli Tuttle.