

Mark Jungmann

During Mark's tenure, he has worked tirelessly to improve his district's PE program because he has devoted himself to providing the best possible educational experience for his students. Mark is a 'bell-to-bell' teacher who works hard to make the most of every minute he is given with his students. Mark's standards-based curriculum features a wide variety of activities and many non-traditional offerings that reflects the diverse learning needs of his students, which he is able to do because he engages in substantial amounts of professional development to stay current with the latest trends in the field of physical education. Mark's positive impact extends well beyond the walls of the gym where he has created unique opportunities for students to be physically active with before & after school activity clubs along with at-home activity and nutrition challenges for families to participate together. His Running Club and Early Bird PE programs have been wildly popular with 172 students arriving 30 minutes before school to run laps in the gym!

In addition to helping write and receive PE4life and PEP Grants for North Polk, he has received nine other grants to help fund his program and provide these outstanding opportunities for his students. His building Principal Ann Mills says, , "Mr. Jungmann exhibits a passion for teaching and learning. His program is based upon equipping students with knowledge and skills to become lifelong, healthy and physically active learners."

Outside of school, Mark loves spending quality time with his wife Amy and baby girl, Estelle.

We are so fortunate that Mark was not only selected as our state winner this school year but he was selected as our Central District Elementary Teacher of the Year Award winner and was given that award at our district convention in Sioux Falls, SD the end of January.