

Margaret Beuter teaches at Longfellow Elementary School in the Iowa City Community School District. Margaret clearly stands out as the one of the finest Elem. Physical Education teachers. Her program is purposeful, meaningful, and innovative. She keeps herself current on best educational practices in physical education, utilizes multiple teaching methods and strategies to meet the needs of all of the learners, facilitates activities in the school community to promote physical fitness, and is a leader at the district level for Iowa City teachers.

Margaret's program encompasses the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains through a student centered curriculum. She provides her students with information about healthful lifestyles as well as a means to develop a positive attitude about wellness for all stages of life.. She makes learning about fitness fun and meaningful to the students. She is skilled at assessing students needs and responding to them. She facilitates a climate for learning, while giving students opportunities to take responsibility for their learning.

Margaret's P.E. program is diverse and all students thrive and excel. She has a clear expectation of her students yet understands each student learns at a different pace and has different abilities.

She is a kind, decent, generous person who gives of herself and is an excellent Physical Education teacher. Ladies and Gentlemen is gives me great pleasure to introduce to you, the 2008 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

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Jennifer Schnell has been an outstanding educator in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. She teaches at Franklin Middle School. She made an immediate positive impact on the physical education curriculum as soon as she started in Cedar Rapids, 10 years ago. She structures her program to be the CRCSD NASPE middle school model. One can immediately recognizes the NASPE standards and philosophies are used in her lessons. She is recognized by her peers for constructing and administering an innovative enthusiastic and visionary program.

Jennifer's advocacy for her profession is mirrored by her innovative instructional techniques. Technology is "alive" in her program! Students benefit from constructive and consistent use of the Polar Heart Monitor program. Fitnessgram provides a tool to improve individual health and wellness habits. Jennifer gives her students the tools to use, allows them to practice and encourages all to fashion a healthy lifestyle into adulthood.

Jennifer serves as an excellent role model for all that she reaches out to. She leads by example, exhibiting daily physical exercise and activity in her life. She practices what she preaches; the students benefit from her physical fitness beliefs, as well as her spiritual healthy values. Jennifer has a positive impact on everyone.

Joe McGuillcuddy; retired Physical education Curriculum Facilitator with Cedar Rapids Community Schools states that during his 20 years of supervising....she is the finest middle school physical education teacher and professional leader that he had the privilege to work with.

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Traci Havlik teaches health at Prairieview School, Waukee, Iowa. and is an excellent teacher. She has great knowledge of her subject matter, displays effective teaching and learning practices, and most importantly relates to her students exceptionally well.

Traci's lessons are designed to meet the developmental needs of all students in her class as she teaches to all students. She has a passion and enthusiasm for teaching that rubs off on her students.

She has very high expectations for herself and for her students. She is a role model for other Physical Education and Health teachers as well as students. She is constantly writing grants to expand her budget. She was able to obtain heart rate monitors for her classes to help teach cardiovascular endurance. She has written activities for the Physical Best Activities book.

Traci obtained her National Board Certification in 2006 and has personally gained knowledge to make her the best teacher possible.

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