



Outstanding Rural Teacher - 2019

Kerry Eidson

High Point R-III School District

Kerry Eidson teaches Middle School Science at the High Point R-III School District in High Point, Missouri. Along with teaching Science, Mr. Eidson is the Technology Coordinator and Assistant Volleyball Coach for the school district. Prior to serving in these roles, Kerry served as a bus driver and para in the school district.

Melissa Hindman shares, "Kerry is one of our veteran teachers at High Point. He is someone that I can consistently seek out for help in any situation. Being one of the only male teachers in our school, Kerry is a positive role model for many of our students. He dedicates many hours outside of contracted time to make our school the best that it can be."

Ashley Polly notes, "Kerry is always willing to go out of his way to help his co-workers and students. When he is given a task, he makes sure that it is finished promptly and correctly. His students look up to him and enjoy having him as their teacher. He has made an impact at our school and he will always be a major asset here."

One of his students has this to say, "Mr. Eidson is funny, kind-hearted, smart and most importantly a great teacher. He has deep knowledge and passion for Middle School Science. He never minds helping any student who is struggling." Another student shared, "The bond he forms with every student is like nothing I have ever seen before. I always felt safe and loved in his classroom. I walked away from his classroom having learned something new every day."

Other phrases or words used to describe Kerry Eidson include, genuine, favorite teacher, passionate about education, quick to praise students, positive, he makes learning fun, boosts students self-confidence, respected, kind, compassionate, true leader by example, makes Science interesting and challenging, extends "open arms" to all, and a "one-in-a-million teacher."

Superintendent, Dr. Eric Findley, adds, "Mr. Eidson leads by example. He is the first one to arrive at school each day, and at that time, he immediately starts working on areas of need. These needs are not specifically his; they are typically needs of other teachers, students, and often needs of mine in the office. The students look up to him as a father figure and he treats them as if they are his own. He is respectful of the students and their needs, yet he is stern when the situation arises."

It is most fitting that Kerry Eidson be recognized as the 2019 MARE "Outstanding Rural Teacher".
Congratulations!