

Faces of Education
October 6, 2009
Kathryn Heise
Music Teacher, Fairview Elementary School

Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Kathryn “Kathy” Heise. Kathy serves Monroe County Community School Corporation as the music teacher at Fairview Elementary School. She is nominated by her building administrators, Principal Karen Adams and Assistant Principal Trudy Litz.

Kathy joined the school corporation in August of 2004 as a music teacher at Marlin Elementary School, before moving to Fairview for the 2005-2006 school year. With one visit to her classroom, it is clear that she is more than a music instructor; Kathy is a maestro, who cultivates her student’s appreciation for music, all while supporting their academic and building character.

Assistant Principal Trudy Litz shared her observations of Kathy, “She has the ability to have children perform in ways that are not always comfortable for them, but you would never know it in a performance. They will do things that surprise them! She engages students, they achieve for her unlike many times in the regular classroom, and they seek to perform.”

To know Kathy is to know that she gives generously of her time to benefit children, Karen Adams said. “In addition to teaching music to each classroom, Kathy teaches drumming and choir during the students’ lunch recess. Kathy has written numerous grants to fund Fairview’s after school CODA music program which she created and developed herself. Students in grades 4-6 may have lessons and use of the instrument of their choice at no cost,” her principal offered.

Whether it is coordinating a production or the Fairview Strings Program or giving music lessons, you will find Kathy giving her all. In her own words, she shared the following sentiment: “I am blessed to work with an extremely talented, warm and supportive staff and administrators - they put up with my goofy ideas and help me make them work. I love the kids at Fairview. As a music teacher, I have the good fortune of seeing the same students every year and watching them grow. They are kids, wonderful kids who deserve to have the opportunities of discovery and self realization.”

Kathryn Heise, thank you for providing our students with the musical knowledge and support they need to grow. It is our pleasure to celebrate you this evening as our newest *Face of Education*. Congratulations!

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