



Building Teachers of the Year 2009-2010



Jamie Aguilar

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Adams Elementary School – Kindergarten

Years in Education: 2 Years with EPS: 2

I love the challenges that come with teaching. Every day there are new challenges that keep my job exciting and eventful. Whether it be trying to come up with new strategies and techniques for teaching a concept to struggling students or teaching my kindergarteners etiquette and how to respect one another, the challenges never let up and I'm glad they don't. This job allows me to use every ounce of talent that God has given me. Life is so much more enjoyable when you have a job that you wake up wanting to go to, knowing that you are truly making a difference in the lives of others.



Debra Loop

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Coolidge Elementary School – Kindergarten

Years in Education: 15 Years with EPS: 13

What I love most about teaching is the opportunity I have each year to have a positive influence on my students' lives. When they leave my class in May, I hope they have the skills needed to succeed the next year and the knowledge that Ms. Loop will always believe in them.



Karen Boileau

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Eisenhower Elementary School – 4th Grade

Years in Education: 37 Years with EPS: 35

Teaching has given me many memorable moments. I love the smiles, hugs, and thank yous I have received through my years of teaching. I love to see former students around town or when they come to school to visit. They are surprised, many times, that I recall their names or faces. I have loved meeting many military families at Eisenhower and learning of their experiences. I love the children's faces when they light up and understand a concept, or they are excited about a project. Teaching is a very rewarding profession.



Janet Jones

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Garfield Elementary School – 5th Grade

Years in Education: 26 Years with EPS: 18

I enjoy interacting with students. There's nothing better or more fun for me than a great discussion. Helping students grasp new ideas, think beyond the usual, and sometimes come to those special "aha" moments makes it all worthwhile.



Dale Denny

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Glenwood Elementary School – 5th Grade

Years in Education: 15 Years with EPS: 15

Teaching is an adventure that changes a little each year. Working with inquiring minds is rewarding when the light bulb comes on, and the students get excited about what they have learned. As a teacher, my goal is to reach every child I come in contact with. My goal is for each student to be successful, academically and socially. If I accomplish this, the students will become brighter and socially adjusted, allowing them to function in the next grade or their society.



Jean McCollough

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Hayes Elementary School – 4th Grade

Years in Education: 30 Years with EPS: 30

The goal of Enid Public Schools is to promote life-long learning through educational excellence. At the end of each day, I ask myself if I have achieved that goal. Have my students increased in their understanding and their problem-solving skills? Are they closer to reaching their career goals? Do they understand their good fortune to live in this wonderful country? Did they develop respect for each other? When I see former students serve on the Enid City Council, wait on me in a store or office, bring their children to school for me to teach, I know that goal is a worthy one.



Sandra Lippard

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Hoover Elementary School – 2nd Grade

Years in Education: 6 Years with EPS: 6

I love having the opportunity to impact our community's future in a positive way. Our community's children are amazing individuals with great minds and a variety of skills. I enjoy helping students discover and develop their strengths and dreams. I find great satisfaction when a student feels comfortable enough to teach ME something. I greatly enjoy the moments when I see students gain a strong confidence in what they are able to do. Every student is precious, and I truly believe that every child can and will learn when given the opportunity. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a nominee for Enid's Teacher of the Year. My greatest reward is in helping children learn and showing them what amazing individuals they are.



Donita McClurg

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McKinley Elementary School – Kindergarten

Years in Education: 13 Years with EPS: 7

It's my desire to provide my students an environment that is both safe and fun, and also provide an environment that promotes learning success on an individual basis. My students are the bridge that connects parents to our classroom. When I can connect all parents, I can ensure educational success for every student.



Jaci Tolbert

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Monroe Elementary School – 4th/5th Grade Special Education

Years in Education: 9 Years with EPS: 9

I love each and every student that I have had the opportunity to teach. Since my class size is usually small, I get the chance to get to know each of my students very well. I have enjoyed all of my students. Since I teach two grade levels, I get the pleasure of teaching my students for two years. It is an amazing thing to watch as a student grows and learns new things. I enjoy the relationships that I get to build with my students and their families. I feel as though I have the best job in the world!!



Susan Shewey

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Taft Elementary School – Library Media Specialist

Years in Education: 2 Years with EPS: 2

My most important job as a library media specialist is to help students learn to love books! When students read, they learn! I try to make the library a fun, exciting, happy place; I want my students to wonder what amazing things they are going to learn or what crazy games they are going to play when they walk into the library. I want the library to be a place of exploration and wonder so that students discover the joy of learning. My favorite moments at school come when students walk in the library door with a sparkle in their eye because they want to tell me about a great book they just finished, or when they tell me their favorite day of the week is Library Day!



Heather Reames

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Emerson Middle School – 7th Grade Science

Years in Education: 18 Years with EPS: 18

My students are what I love most about teaching. Recently, I saw a former student walking with his child at church. He smiled and said, "hello." He remembered me fondly. I was a part of his life. I am fortunate to become part of a hundred young lives each year. I am forever changed by each of them. My profession allows me to weave small threads in many lives. In turn, I become richer as each student deepens and stretches me.



Sheila Collins

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Longfellow Middle School – 6th Grade Math

Years in Education: 25 Years with EPS: 13

I love teaching because I love the challenge of making a difference in the academic and social growth of my students. I love it when my students are proud of their accomplishments.



David Fischer

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Waller Middle School – 8th Grade & Enriched American History
Years in Education: 29 Years with EPS: 29

I have the unique opportunity to instill in the students' minds a sense of pride and patriotism in this great country we live in. I have the opportunity to teach history and government to students to allow students to develop an awareness of responsibilities and duties as American citizens. I can teach the students what their country has to offer to the world and what our country represents to the rest of the world. I love to see the students use the information I give them in class to become more productive citizens willing to give back to their country and to develop a desire to become life-long learners. I love to see students excited about learning and putting their knowledge to use.



Erin Merritt

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Enid High School – English
Years in Education: 7 1/2 Years with EPS: 2 1/2

What I love most about teaching is interacting with my students and the staff as we all incorporate new ideas, new strategies and new perspectives in our learning that allow us to keep growing, not only as individuals, but as a community and a team. There has not been a day when I have not looked forward to coming to work as a teacher.



Connie Hood

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Lincoln Academy– Language Arts, Literature & Art
Years in Education: 25.5 Years with EPS: 16

I truly love the blessings and the challenges of teaching at Lincoln Academy! One of the reasons I love my job is that since our classes are smaller, we are really able to get to know each of our students very well. This allows us to develop a more personal and academic relationship with each student, enabling us to individualize assignments and assessments for each student based on their own strengths and weaknesses. Each year the reward is watching between 50-60 students graduate and walk across the stage to receive their high school diploma. These students are not that different from any other students, but we can take pride in knowing that we have had a part in something bigger than ourselves by helping them to achieve a part of their dream.