



MVTHS Teacher of the Week

Megan Clodi

Subject Taught: Special Education

Education and Experience: "Bachelor's degree in special education from SIU-C in 2002, and a master's in educational administration from EIU in 2007. Special Olympics Athletic Director/Coach and JV Scholar Bowl coach."

Years as a Teacher: "Eight, all as a MVTHS Ram!"

Reason for Becoming a Teacher: "To inspire young minds to seek and acquire new knowledge while they share their energy and enthusiasm!"

Greatest Moment as a Teacher: "When a current student wrote in their journal that they wanted to make me proud of them and that they know I forgive them when they make mistakes. I also love having former students take the time out of their busy days to visit and tell me about their successes or send me letters with updates."

Most Embarrassing Moment as a Teacher: "None to note!"

Favorite Aspect of Being a Teacher: "Not a day goes by that I'm not making silly faces, doing funny dances or talking in a funny voice. It is what keeps me coming back every day! I know my students are laughing with me and somewhere down the line I hope they will all remember 'squiggly letter,' 'Silent E, the ninja who changes words,' fist bump blowups, 'lights, camera, action,' 'ding-ding-ding' and the image of me making letters with my body (think Y-M-C-A, but the whole alphabet)! These are the images I will recall, along with the smiles on their faces, the knowledge in their minds and the love in their hearts!"

Favorite Movie: "Departed" and "Magnolia."

Last Book You Read: "To my son, I read 'Love you Forever' by Robert Munsch and yes, I cry every time I read it!"

Hobbies: "Cooking, reading, watching basketball, volunteering and playing with and reading to my 2-year-old son."

Family: "Husband, Raymond; son, Alistair; dog, Wego the Boston terrier."

If You Were Not a Teacher, What Would You Be?: "I would want to work with adults with disabilities to assist them in living successful lives in the community and advocate for their rights!"

Person(s) You Most Admire: "My seventh grade teacher, Ms. LePere, for being the best teacher in the world by setting expectations high and holding me accountable for my actions and school work."

Favorite Teaching Quote: "Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths pure theatre." — Gail Goodwin

Favorite Quote: "Teach this triple truth to all: A generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity." — Buddha



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