

Franklin County Announces Mrs. Chelsea Stenger as April's "Educator of the Month"



Superintendent, Dr. Debbie Howell, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Chelsea Stenger, has been named as April's "Educator of the Month". According to Howell, "When I picture an exemplary educator, Mrs. Stenger comes to mind. Her dedication to her students, her school, her community, and her profession are unparalleled."

Mrs. Stenger holds a Bachelors in Elementary Education from Franklin College and a Masters of Education degree from Indiana Wesleyan. Mrs. Stenger began teaching at Laurel School in 2006.

While at Laurel School she has taught special education, third grade, and is currently teaching fifth grade.

A parent of a current fifth grade student at Laurel School nominated Mrs. Stenger for this recognition. The parent stated, "Chelsea is a very caring and loving person. She puts in endless hours at school and at home preparing for her classroom." The parent goes on to say that Mrs. Stenger lets kids ask endless questions, provides hands on learning, and spends one-on-one time with students that need it. Mrs. Stenger maintains a "family atmosphere" in her classroom.

In addition to identifying individuals who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and dedication to the students, the "Educator of the Month" program recognizes leadership in the school and involvement in the community. Mrs. Stenger is currently the Co-Vice President of Laurel School's PTO. She serves on Franklin County's Teacher Evaluation Committee, as well as, the Corporation's Technology Committee. In addition, Mrs. Stenger serves as a "parent volunteer" at her son's school.

Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Stenger enjoys reading, doing craft projects, and cooking. Most of all she enjoys spending time with her two sons and her husband on their dairy farm located in Franklin County. According to Mrs. Stenger she and her sons love to "explore" in their woods.

When asked what the best part of her job is, Mrs. Stenger responded, "The best part of my job is how much my students inspire me to be a better teacher and person. I learn just as much from my students as they learn from me."

Parents and students are encouraged to nominate outstanding educators for this monthly recognition. Nomination forms for "Educator of the Month" can be found on the school corporation website at www.fccsc.k12.in.us.