

JULIE (Knust) LINDAUER

From Half Day Kindergarten to Full Day Kindergarten: Julie Lindauer's Dream Has Come True

Graduate: Class of 1984 Occupation: Full Day Kindergarten Teacher

Some people go to work everyday and leave their kids with a babysitter, and some people like Julie Lindauer go to work every day to work with these same kids. Julie is a full day kindergarten teacher, who every day is striving to make a positive impact on at least one of her student's life.

Responsible for 17 students every day, she follows her lesson plans so that she can get the most out of each day. Julie's daily routine with her children consists of language arts, math, daily calendar, journals, rest time, P.E., and either science, social studies, computer lab, or independent reading.

Julie has worked at Ferdinand Elementary for the past 21 years. Ferdinand Elementary's mission states, "Ferdinand Elementary School is committed to providing a quality educational program designed to maximize student potential for lifelong learning in a safe environment".

Julie graduated from Forest Park in 1984. During her high school career she played the saxophone for four years in the school band. While playing in the band, she was fortunate enough to win two state titles and won grand champion at the Gold Coast Marching Band Festival held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The school band also participated in the parade at Disney World. Not only did she participate in band, but she also played volleyball for four years, ran track for four years, and cheered for four years. During her senior year in track she qualified to run in the 400M relay at the state level. Aside from playing sports, Julie also participated in several clubs: spirit club, National Honor Society, and Beta Club. By being active, she taught herself self-discipline, how to set goals, and how to work toward achieving the goals.

After continuing her education at Indiana State University, Julie taught third and then first grade at Ferdinand Elementary. While teaching there, Julie and two of her fellow teachers received a grant from Indiana University to travel to Switzerland to help them gain a better understanding of Switzerland culture. They used this knowledge to teach the students during their Windows of the World unit. Windows of the World was a weeklong learning experience in which each grade level studied a different country.

Julie enjoys her job because she gets to touch many young children's lives and make a positive impact on them. In 1998, a former student nominated Julie for national recognition as one of her most influential teachers, and in 2008 she was also presented the Forest Park High School Positive Educator award by one of her past students.

If anyone were to ask Julie for advice, she would tell him to set goals and go after ones dreams. She would also tell him to participate in anything that he could take part in whether it's a club or a sport because he is making a lifetime of memories and friends upon whom he can always depend.