

## Franklin County Announces Mrs. Christina Lecher as January's "Educator of the Month"



January 2015 - Recently the Franklin County Board of School Trustees granted approval to move forward with the "Educator of the Month" recognition program. According to Superintendent, Dr. Debbie Howell, Franklin County Community Schools are filled with hard working, selfless, and dedicated individuals. The purpose of the program is to recognize outstanding Franklin County educators who demonstrate excellence in the classroom, leadership in the school, dedication to the students, and involvement in the community.

Mrs. Christina Lecher, third grade teacher at Brookville Elementary School, has been selected as January's "Educator of the Month". After graduating from Miami University Mrs. Lecher was employed as a Head Start Teacher in Richmond, Indiana. She was then hired at Brookville Elementary where she has been teaching for 15 years.

Mrs. Lecher was nominated for this recognition by a parent of a current student. The parent stated, "My family has had a couple of hard years, this year was worse than last. Instead of telling me all of the ways I was failing my child, she commended all that I was doing." "She not only cares about my child's needs in school but has also shown love and compassion that has spread out to reach out to our whole family."

When asked what the best part of her job is, Mrs. Lecher responded, "The best part of my job is the students. Getting hugs from 28 students is nothing that can be explained other than pure joy. Hoping that I am making a difference in their lives and helping them to be the best that they can be means everything to me. Watching the smiles on their faces as they succeed and realize, "I CAN do it" is an amazing feeling. I have learned more life lessons from my students than I could ever have imagined. I have been shown what it truly means to overcome adversity by the students who have entered the doors of my classroom."

Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Lecher loves spending time with her own family. Many hours are spent at baseball diamonds, football fields, and at Perfect North Slopes. She also enjoys writing, reading, gardening, and cooking.

Dr. Howell commented that she was thrilled with Mrs. Lecher's nomination. "Mrs. Lecher truly deserves this recognition and serves as a role model for both students and staff."

Nomination forms for "Educator of the Month" can be found on the school corporation website at [www.fccsc.k12.in.us](http://www.fccsc.k12.in.us).

