

CELEBRATING AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

In celebration of American Education Week, the *Press & Dakotan* invited area students to tell us what makes their teacher(s) great. The response has been overwhelming. With pictures and quotes they have celebrated their teachers.

Throughout the next week or so, we will be placing all of their responses in the paper. Not all students included their full name, so be sure and ask your child, "What makes your teacher great?"

To the educators in the area, thank you for doing an amazing, many times thankful, job.

**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MRS. RYKEN'S HOMEROOM**
What makes my teacher great is she is nice.

Henry Borgstrom
What makes my teacher great is she is an amazing cook.

Chance Wurtz
What makes my teacher great is she makes class fun, and is really nice.

Emilee LaBarge
What makes my teacher great is she listens to us and understands us for who we are as individuals.

Amber Winters
What makes my teachers great is they are caring, loving and they help us when we need help. They explain what we are suppose to do.

Erica Schaefers
What makes my teachers great is they teach us new things

Ethan Brausey
What makes my teachers great is they are kind.

Maddie Manning
What makes my teachers great is they're not crazy.

Gabe Dannenbring
What makes my teachers great is they listen.

Donavon Foster
**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MR. SAVEY'S HOMEROOM**

My teacher is great because he's nice and knows how to make power points funny. He's cool and has good taste in music.

Seth Martin
My teacher is great because he plays music before class and sometime after class. Another reason why my teacher is great because he teaches my things that I can cherish for a long time and learn things that I can use through out my life.

Ryan Golden
My teacher is great because he is a very fun teacher. He is nice.

Renee Cross
My teacher is great because he play review games with the same questions that are on the test. He is also great because he is smart.

Danielle Gillis
My teacher is great because he is rally funny in class and he is smart. He is one of my favorite teachers because we listen to music during class.

Tanner Frick
My teacher is great because he is creative.

Hannah Bockholt
My teacher is great because he does a lot of fun stuff with us in homeroom. He is also great because he give us a lot of extra credit for class too.

Samantha Straatmeyer
My teacher is great because they explain homework. We do fun stuff.

Ashley Bilbrey
My teacher is great because he interacts with us.

Riley Vogt
**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MRS. SCHAEFFER'S HOMEROOM**

What makes my teacher great is she/he is nice and not impatient, and let us do fun stuff sometimes. She doesn't give us assignments

Magen Blakey
What makes Mrs. Schaeffer a great teacher is she is funny and loves to talk with the students when they want to talk.

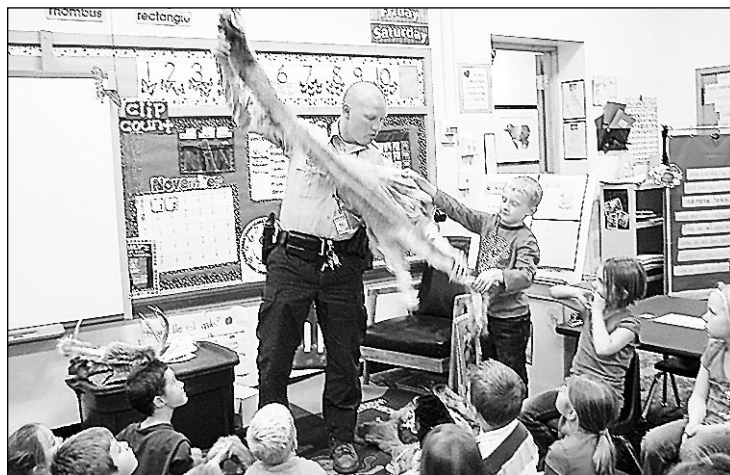
Jordan Stevens
What makes my teacher great is how she relates to us so well. She acts just like us, so it makes our class much more enjoyable.

Amanda Gravholt
What make my teacher great is that she lets us talk in study hall. The other things that make my teacher great is that she lets us do other homework if we are do with the homework for that class. Also that they let people do art.

Mason Langeland

What make Mrs. Schaeffer great is that she helps me be successful.

Katie Mahowald



Wildlife Conservation Officer Sam Schelhaas visited Miss Trentz and Miss Iddings' kindergarten classes at Beadle Elementary. During his visit he talked about several different animals that live in South Dakota and students had the opportunity to pass around several pelts of the animals they were learning about.

**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MRS. SCHAEFFER'S HOMEROOM**
What makes my teacher great is that my teacher explains the materials so everybody knows what she is talking about.

Grant Cammock
What makes my teachers great is they make class fun, they are committed to helping me learn.

Joseph Kelly
**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MRS. TRAMP'S HOMEROOM**

What makes my teachers great is they let us play dodge ball. They let us read. We always watch a movie on Tuesday. Some days on Thursday we get to play dodge ball every other week. That is why my teacher is great.

Dylan Mace
What makes my teachers great is that they know how to make me laugh! Not only do they know how to help us learn, but they know how to make school exciting! They are probably some of the funniest teachers I've ever had!

Hannah Williams
What makes teachers great is their character, personality, and how they handle situations. They have to like Huskers to get on my good teacher list.

Katelynn Weinandt
Mrs. Hofer in my opinion is a really great teacher. She was the best teacher in 6th grade. She is always very calm and always nice to me every day. Mrs. Hofer and I have become very close. I like her because of her attitude. She is very positive all the time and that is what I like because all teachers aren't that way. Teachers all over the world need to have the great attitude that Mrs. Hofer does.

McKenna Golden
The teacher that I think is the greatest is Mrs. Garvey. I loved being in her science class because it was so fun and interesting. Mrs. Garvey would let us watch Bill Nye the Science Guy which was awesome because Bill Nye was so funny and made science fun to learn. Mrs. Garvey is an awesome teacher and I would love to have her as a science teacher now. She makes

everything so fun and helps us with subjects that we don't get. Mrs. Garvey is an awesome teacher and anyone would be lucky to have her as a teacher.

Kylie Grate

Great teachers aren't made, they evolve over time. Great teachers are nice and are helpful with student's problems. They make school fun and less boring for student's who don't try. Students actually make teachers great. Students decide how they want to act in class. If they act badly, a teacher will be upset. If their behavior is good, the teacher will be happy and the class will be more fun. So actually students decide how great a teacher would be.

Syd Boots

**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MRS. BURGESON'S HOMEROOM**

What makes Mrs. Burgeson great is that she is awesome!

Dylan Moderegger
What makes my teachers great is that they come with a smile everyday. They are very funny and they care for the students and give the students some great advice about what to do everyday. They always help you when you need it on homework.

Alyssa Wright
What makes Mrs. Burgeson great is that she is nice. She is always happy and brightens up everyone's day.

Shannon Doyle
What makes my teachers great is they are all about fairness. They always help anyone out if you are having trouble. They always have a smile on their faces, enlightening our day.

Leslie Alarcon
What makes Mrs. Burgeson great in Homeroom is that she is always nice.

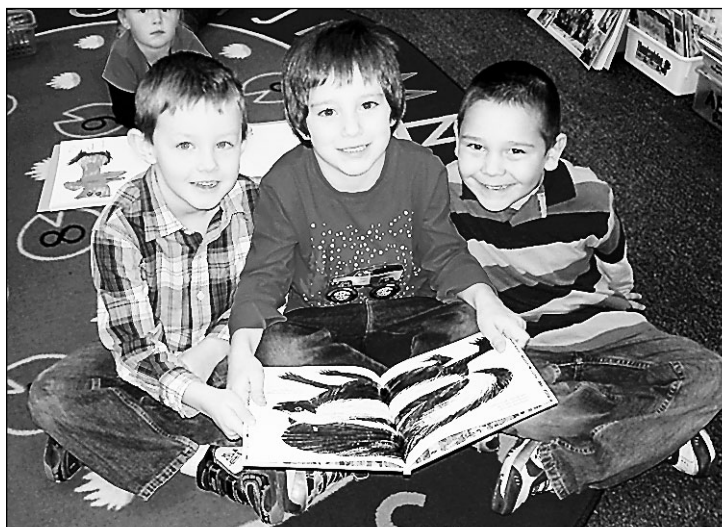
Dustin Peterson
What makes any teacher great is that they come to school with a smile and are also nice and kind.

Lilly Dodds
What makes Mrs. Burgeson a great teacher is that she is always fair.

Michael Montoya
The thing that makes my teacher Mrs. Burgeson great is that she always has a positive attitude. She also lets us play games sometimes.

Brad Ulmer
What makes by teachers great is how they always help us.

Ryan Sternhagen



Josh, Micah and Landen, Students in Mrs. Wagner's Kindergarten Class from Lincoln Elementary School participate during the all-school Read-In. The classroom's theme was: "Get Your Hands on a Good Book!"

What makes my teacher Mrs. Burgeson a good teacher is she comes to school everyday with a smile.

Connor Chambers
My teachers are great because they are understanding, easy to work with and are nice people. They are also easy to talk to.

Carly Pederson
**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MS. HOWELL'S HOMEROOM**

What makes my teacher great is that she's nice, kind and she's really great at helping kids learn.

Lillian Gay
What makes my teacher great is she gives me the tools not only to succeed at school, but in life also.

Johanna Lippert

What makes my teacher great is when they help me when I need help.

Evan Moon
What makes my teachers great is when they help out the students with their homework.

Mattie Blagg
What makes my teachers great is they help me with my homework.

Ethan Klimisch
What makes my teachers great is their fabulous creativity.

Beth Pearson
What makes my teachers great is that they take the time to teach us the things we need to now succeed.

April Canady
What makes my teachers great is letting us read from books.

Corwin Brewer
What makes my teachers great is their ability to help and understand each student in their own individual way.

Brooke Blom
**YANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MRS. KLIMISCH'S HOMEROOM**

What makes my teachers great is that they have a sense of humor, and make the school day better.

Allison Sterk
Mr. Miller is a great teacher because I like his teaching strategies. He gives us notes and explains what we are learning. He is an enjoyable guy to be around. He needs a raise. He does his job really well.

Heather Hauer

What makes my teacher great is when he tells the whole class to be quiet before he comes in the classroom.

Matt Luken
What makes my teacher great is that she is always nice and helps me with my homework.

Katherine Taylor Willfong
What makes my teachers great is that their fun attitude and good taste in music.

Terryyn Fetterhof
What makes my teachers great is the easy communication and handwriting you can read. Every teacher should have a college degree, but I believe in FUN teachers don't have the college degree! Oh and my kindergarten teacher let us take home a HUGE Clifford to teach us responsibility. I loved that. I'm grateful to every teacher that helped me in the resource room.

Jackie Pajl
What makes my teacher great is Mrs. Hurley, who is now retired. She would always make it fun. She encouraged us, and would do everything with us. Although she was my kindergarten teacher, she was the greatest teacher I had and that's what makes this teacher great.

Annette White
What makes my teacher great is the way he jokes in a serious tone. It's how he's teaching us all about history that's never fascinated me until now. Mr. Miller always makes me smile and is by far the best teacher there has ever been. He takes his job seriously but really enjoys talking free-hearted kids like us. I think Mr. Miller could speak world wide. He would change how everyone thinks about our history. It's one of the most wonderful classes I've taken because of the teacher. My parents have always told me that, "It's not the subject you are learning, it's the teacher that is teaching it."

Bailey Franzen
What makes my teachers great is that they are nice and they help you get an education. Most kids don't get teachers or school. We are lucky to have teachers to help us. They can help you when you need it. Teachers are what put this school together.

Rachael Eskins
What makes my teachers great is that they are funny. They make learning fun and they try to help you succeed and get good grades.

Alexandria Duncan
**YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MRS. LARRINGTON'S HOMEROOM**

She pushes me to do my best and encourages the class to get their work done.

Chandler Losing
What makes my teachers great is having them being nice to everyone.

Dylon Borgstrom
What makes my teacher great is that they make the class fun.

Roni Turner

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