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## Kathy James

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3-JAMES

Kathy James is a 3rd grade teacher at Ferdinand Elementary. She is an awesome teacher! All of her students love her as their teacher. Her favorite color is purple. She has a granddaughter named Lily, which is short for Lillian. She has three grown children, Tim, Aubrey, and Mackenzie. Her husband's name is Tony James. Mrs. James has been teaching for thirty-three years. She is going to retire from teaching in 2018. Her favorite thing to do is teaching and spending time with family. Mrs. James loves going to the Ranger games to cheer them on. She loves her students as much as she loves her

family. She will never forget her awesome students. She teaches her students better than cheetahs can run! She is an awesome teacher and you are probably so happy if you had her for a teacher.

She went to Perry Central High School and graduated from Perry Central High School in 1981. She graduated from Indiana State University in 1985 and 1988 for her master's degree. Her real name is Kathleen James, but for short, everybody calls her Kathy James. She loves to see her little granddaughter, Lily, because it always brightens up her day. Kathy loves all of her students that she is teaching right now or that she has taught before. Her favorite food is seafood. Her favorite thing to tell us in school is about her granddaughter Lily. Her favorite number is 7. Mrs. James is amazing!

## Fabulous Mrs. Fleck

BY GAVIN WINKLER

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4-GOFFINET

Fabulous, intelligent, kind-hearted, thoughtful. Who do these words describe? If you guessed Kim Fleck, you were right. She is as sweet as a Snickers bar and is a retiring teacher at Ferdinand Elementary School.

Mrs. Fleck attended high school at Forest Park Junior-Senior High School. She attended several colleges but got her teaching degree at USI. She's been teaching for twenty-two years. Mrs. Fleck hasn't taught at any school other than Ferdinand Elementary, but she did student teach at 5th Street School

in Jasper. Mrs. Fleck has taught both second and third grades. She taught third graders for eighteen yrs and has taught second graders for the last four years. Mrs. Fleck doesn't have a favorite grade.

When asked what inspired her to become a teacher, Mrs. Fleck said she wanted to be like other excellent teachers and wanted to make a difference in kids' lives. Her favorite subject to teach is reading because she loves reading and wants to share that with kids. Mrs. Fleck even said it seems like she and reading are the best of friends! Mrs. Fleck dislikes when students are disrespectful, which drives her crazy, and science is Mrs. Fleck's least favorite subject because she feels like her class doesn't do science as much as reading and math. Rowena

Weyer inspired Mrs. Fleck to become a teacher. Mrs. Fleck chose to teach at Ferdinand Elementary because she lived and grew up in Ferdinand and thinks that Ferdinand has good families.

When Mrs. Fleck retires, she wants to go to other countries and go to historical sites in other states. Some of the things that Mrs. Fleck will miss the most are helping kids problem solve and Apple Week. Mrs. Fleck will also miss her FES staff and kids. Mrs. Fleck feels her greatest accomplishment is that she has taught many students and has touched many lives; she has had several students who have commented that she even taught their parents years ago!

I know Mrs. Fleck will be missed at Ferdinand Elementary. We wish her the very best in retirement!

## Wonderful Mrs. Wollenmann

BY BREE MORRISON

FERDINAND ELEMENTARY

4-GOFFINET

Beautiful, wise, and a cheerful attitude. Who do these features describe, you may ask? These features describe Mrs. Wollenmann, a teacher at Ferdinand Elementary School.

Mrs. Wollenmann attended Forest Park High School and went to both Vincennes University and Indiana State University. Mrs. Wollenmann has been teaching for thirty-two years, and thirty-one of those years have been at FES. She did student teaching at Washington Elementary, she taught special education at Vincennes, and substituted at Pine Ridge Elementary before she came to Ferdinand Elementary. Mrs. Wollenmann has taught first grade and fourth grade; she says first grade was her favorite to teach.

As a senior, Mrs. Wollenmann wanted to be a physical therapist, but then took a cadet class with kindergarten and realized that she was meant to be a teacher. Mrs. Wollenmann had a college professor, Mrs. Gibbs, who was kind-hearted and made her feel excited to become a teacher.

Mrs. Wollenmann says that her favorite part about being a teacher is watching her students learn to read. She says she loves watching their faces when they realize that they can do something new. Her least favorite part of teaching is when the kids have to take so many tests. She does not like that the students have to work so hard.

Mrs. Wollenmann's favorite subject to teach is reading, because she loves to read herself and enjoys helping students read. Her least favorite subjects are science and social studies. Mrs. Wollenmann likes teaching these subjects, but there is not much time in the day to teach all of them.

## Mrs. Kitchen

BY AMELIA WIDOLFF

FERDINAND  
ELEMENTARY

4-GOFFINET

Awesome, kind, energetic... Who do these adjectives describe? Mrs. Kitchen! Mrs. Kitchen attended high school in Shelbyville, Indiana, and she went to college at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana. Mrs. Kitchen has been a principal for five years; before that, she taught at Loper Elementary, Holland Elementary, and in the Tell City School District. She has taught first, second, third, and fourth grades, but her favorite grade to teach was second grade.

Mrs. Kitchen was inspired by her principal at Loper Elementary, Teresa Godsey. Her favorite thing about being a

principal is being around all of the kids and helping them learn from their mistakes. Mrs. Kitchen picked Ferdinand Elementary because her family loves Ferdinand. One thing that Mrs. Kitchen will miss about Ferdinand Elementary is that she will not be able to see kids and listen to their stories. Her retirement plans are starting classes in June to be certified in dyslexia; she will be able to screen children and work with them to help them with their learning.

Something people don't know about Mrs. Kitchen is that she is an avid solitaire player and does not travel without a deck of cards. I hope Mrs. Kitchen will like her new job and still think that Ferdinand Elementary is one of the best schools, and I hope she knows we will miss her!

## How to Stay Healthy

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ELEMENTARY

3-RASCHE

Nothing is more important than your health. Just think about all the ways we

can stay healthy. Some of the ways that we can stay healthy are to maintain a healthy diet, exercise regularly, and DO NOT SMOKE (avoid tobacco use). Did you know that one cigarette takes 5 to 11 minutes off of your life, one person dies every 6 seconds from

a tobacco related disease, and the average smoker in the U.S. spends \$1,500 to \$3,300 a year?

Some of the foods that you can eat to stay healthy are tomatoes, which are rich in vitamin C, cucumbers, which hydrate the body, peppers, which are loaded

with antioxidants, grapefruits, which can boost liver function, and kale, which is high in iron.

It is good to eat healthy food because it makes us feel good. Healthy food stops us from being ill. Eating healthy food can also help us to grow up big and strong.

## Ferdinand Elementary Needs a Baseball Field

BY CAIDEN BECK

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ELEMENTARY

3-RASCHE

I think Ferdinand Elementary School needs a baseball field and equipment. Some people love baseball and

want to play at recess, but we don't have a field. It would give students exercise, and it is fun in my opinion. It is a game we could play during P.E. Baseball season comes around only once a year, but students want to play more often. That's why Ferdinand Elementary School should have a baseball field.

## Girls on the Run

BY BRYLEE LONGBAUGH

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I would like everybody to know about Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run is so much fun! On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, we ride a bus to Forest Park High School. After we gather together, we walk down to the YMCA. When all the coaches get there, we start our lesson and talk about an activity. I have always liked the activities because they are fun, exciting, and challenging. The coaches are really nice. Most of the coaches have daughters at Girls on the Run. Even though Girls on the Run has some running,

it is not all about running. It is about making friends and having fun. If you don't like running at all, then I would consider not doing Girls on the Run. However, if you like running, then Girls on the Run is the right place for you. If we get tired sometimes, we take turns running and we will have water waiting for us when we get back to the starting place. Your friends always encourage you and your coaches do too; they sometimes even run with you. At the end of the Girls on the Run season there is a 5K. Don't worry! It has no hills; it is all flat. Girls on the Run is helping you make friends, and it helps you train for running in the future. Remember, it is a great experience, so make sure you think about joining Girls on the Run. You will have fun.

## Ranger Basketball

BY KAMDON PARTENHEIMER

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3-JAMES

The Rangers are very good at basketball. They just won Semi-State. They have a bunch of good people. They have really tall people, too.

The Rangers had some really good players like Tim James and Curt Begle. My

dad, Brian Partenheimer, still has the school record for charges in a season. My dad said, "I would just usually go to the half court and take a charge. I broke 2 ribs and I broke my ankle."

Curt Hopf is one of the many good players on the Rangers. He is 6'7" tall.

Other great Rangers are Noah Fleck, Sam Englert, Collin Hochgesang, Isaac Uebelhor, and Braydon Voegerl. Partenheimer is now one of the coaches.

## Ferdinand Needs a Dog Park

BY JILLIAN MATHEIS

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ELEMENTARY

3-RASCHE

I think we should have a dog park in Ferdinand. In Ferdinand, a lot of people have dogs and some people don't have a yard for their

dog to roam around. Some people have more than one dog and need extra space. Dogs need an area to play and just be dogs. They need an area to run around in and explore since some people do not have a good yard. A dog park would be just the thing they need for their dog to play. That is why I think Ferdinand should get a dog park.

## DI (destination Imagination)

BY NORA WELP

FERDINAND ELEMENTARY

4-HEILERS

DI is a very fun experience. You do a problem solving and 8 minute plays to put on for some judges to score. There are a few problems your team can choose from. Teams have 2 to 7 members.

At the regional competition there

are so many fun things to do such as some shopping, face painting, checking out all of the wacky hats, and watching other performances. At the end, once all of the teams are finished doing their performances, they have a big dance party. When the dance party is over, they announce which teams are going to the state competition because only the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams from each grade level and challenge get to go. If your team gets 1st or 2nd at state they get to go to global finals.

This year regional competition was in Columbus, Indiana and this year's state will be in Fishers. Global finals will be in Knoxville, Tennessee.

I have a lot of favorite parts of DI, but one of my favorite parts is probably performing in the skits. This year I play a meditating marshmallow that actually levitates. I used power tools and engineering to make a special costume to give the special effect. I like DI a lot because it is a place where I can be me.

## St. Henry Fire Department

BY RYLES GOGEL

FERDINAND ELEMENTARY

4-WENDHOLT

The St. Henry Fire Department is located in St. Henry, Indiana. The department consists of 24 volunteer men and one woman. It covers the town, along with parts of Cass and Ferdinand Townships. It was founded in 1982. They used a bay in the St. Henry Water Corporation building when they first started.

Their first brush truck was from a local coal mine. The fire department also

raised money to buy their first pumper truck. They had many fundraisers, which included turtle soup and cheeseburgers for their open house, which still happens every year. After many years of helping the community out, they raised enough money to build their own station. The station was completed in 1996 with the help of many volunteers and local businesses. They built the station with three doors in the front, and room to put two trucks behind them. The station was built plenty big at that time, but like always, the station is not big enough now.

Throughout the years, the St. Henry Fire Department has been lucky to

have many updates on their trucks. They have a rescue truck which goes on almost all of their runs. They also have a pumper truck which they use on fires and had received from Cass Township. The department has a brush truck which they received new last year, and puts out many of their field fires. They also had an older tanker truck which they sold to make room for a newer one coming soon.

A majority of the runs are as first responders, which include car wrecks and medical runs. They average around 50 runs a year. I am proud to live in the St. Henry fire district, which my dad volunteers for!



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