

2006 HONOREE

Kem Dudney

Hallsboro Middle School, Hallsboro, NC
Wellness and Sports Education • 7th Grade



Years Teaching: 25

Average Class Size: 28

Classes Taught Per Day: 5

School's % of ESL Students: 2%

School Type: Public, Rural

Type of Class: Gym/Outdoors

“Teaching affords me constant opportunities to impact the lives of children. It is my personal responsibility as a teacher to provide students with the most positive learning experience possible. Every child has individual needs. They deserve the opportunity to succeed. I teach my students to live by, ‘Where there’s a will, there’s a way.’ I strive to meet the needs of the total child, in mind as well as body. This involves much more than the knowledge of my subject content. I know my students as individuals and understand their needs because I take the time to teach to the total child. I am able to view each student as a unique individual with diverse needs. I take great joy in seeing student success. I challenge them to be the best they can be regardless of their individual levels or their intellectual abilities. One key goal is for students to experience the personal joy and satisfaction that comes from giving their very best. I utilize to the fullest the time spent with my students by giving them the affirmation, acceptance, and motivation needed to succeed.”

“Although I work in a poor, rural school with a limited physical education budget, I do not let this fact deter from my teaching standards. I maintain high expectations of myself as well as of my students to keep my classes innovative, creative, and unique, which motivates students to excel. During my tenure as



a teacher, many times I have improvised by building needed equipment such as badminton stands, archery stands, and outdoor walking trails. My vision is to expose my students to as many new activities as possible and this vision will never change.”

“Miss Dudney is an exceptional teacher who has the ability to inspire virtually any student who walks into her classroom to learn. As a teacher, Miss Dudney challenges each of her students to achieve their very best and she equips them with the knowledge and instruction necessary to do so. She teaches in a manner in which students not only learn, but also look forward to learning. She has a genuine concern for each of her students and they respond to this. Miss Dudney’s students develop a motivation to succeed if for no other reason than to succeed for her.”

—former student

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

Teacher of the Year - Southern District Physical Education (2006) • Teacher of the Year - AAHPERD North Carolina Middle School Physical Education (2005) • Teacher of the Year Team - North Carolina (2004-05) • Teacher of the Year - Sandhills/South Central (2003-04) • Teacher of the Year - Columbus County Schools (2003)