

2017 Conservation Educator of the Year



Kristy DiSalle
4th Grade Teacher
Dorr Elementary
Springfield Local
School District

Kristy DiSalle has taught for 22 years, has a Master of Education Degree in Special Education, and has earned a Master Teacher Accreditation. Kristy collaborates with her school district and community partners to work toward the advancement of STEM education. She is on the Teacher Ambassador Board (TAB) for Northwest Ohio Center for Excellence in STEM Education to meet with area science educators and work to advance STEM education in Northwest Ohio. Kristy recently retrained in Project Wild and continues to implement the wildlife-based conservation and environmental education that fosters responsible actions toward wildlife and natural resources. In addition, she has collaborated with Jamie Kochensparger from Lucas County SWCD for several years to provide hands-on, active learning experiences which have positively impacted hundreds of students by increasing a better awareness of conserving and appreciating our soil, fresh water, and natural resources.

Kristy has facilitated professional development in her district on inquiry-based and literature-based science for teachers in grades K-5. She has also enjoyed teaching science educators through grants at BGSU since 2013. She collaborates with scientists, interventions specialists, and community outreach partners, like Jamie Kochensparger at Lucas County SWCD, to deliver high quality investigative lessons to educators in Northwest Ohio. She has furthered science education through the following BGSU grants: PiR2, ASSETS, ASSETS II, and ASSETS + focusing on providing science educators quality investigative STEM lessons.

Kristy is passionate about the conservation of our environment and improving learning of students and educators with STEM education. Her students, the community and the environment have benefitted greatly.

~ Congratulations on a job well done! ~

2017 Outstanding Conservation Cooperator Award: Ronau Farms



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program: Two Winners!

Susan Orosz, DVM



**Jennifer & John
Schneider**



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