

2020 Outstanding Educator Award:



Robin Sneed

4th Grade Gifted

Jerusalem Elementary

(Oregon, Ohio)

Robin Sneed is a teacher of fourth-grade gifted students at Jerusalem Elementary in Oregon City Schools. She earned a Bachelor of Science and Master's in Education from Bowling Green State University and has taught for 28 years in the Oregon City and Toledo Public school districts. Robin is the mother of three adult children and resides in Oregon with her husband and their dog Lola.

Throughout her teaching career, Robin has actively sought to provide hands-on, earth science and conservation learning opportunities for her students and their families. A sampling of these experiences include: Clean Water Project, Solar Education, Toledo Zoo education programs, Ohio State's Stone Lab, Lucas County Soil and Water programs, Fossil Park Project, PiR2 Science Education program, Project Wild, and the Metroparks of Toledo Meadow Program.

Additionally, Robin continuously participates in professional development courses and projects including Wright State University Geological courses, a collaborator in her school's STEAM day, and working with scientists at the Ohio History Connection. She strives to provide students with experiences which lead to investigations in earth, life, and physical science. Her passion for earth sciences and conservation is rooted in her commitment to her students and a strong appreciation for history and the stewardship of our natural resources.

Robin has been a great education partner with the Lucas SWCD for many years. She first scheduled her 4th Grade Gifted students at Oregon Jerusalem Elementary with the use of our Streamulator model along with our in-class presentation of Everyone Lives Downstream using the Enviroscape. Her 4th Grade Gifted students then branched out by demonstrating the Streamulator and what they learned to other Jerusalem Elementary classes, honing their presentation skills. Robin expanded her Lucas SWCD programming by coordinating annual Streamulator & Enviroscape programs for all of the 4th Grade classes at Jerusalem Elementary, and then also coordinating annual Worms' World programs for all of the 4th Grade as well. Robin is a collaborator with the Lucas SWCD and Oregon Clay High School for an Ohio Environmental Education Fund Grant for a Virtual Reality Sandbox to be used district-wide and by other partner agencies.

Robin strives to foster an understanding and appreciation of natural resources, earth science and conservation in her students, their families and the community. She participates in Lucas SWCD educator surveys to help improve our services. Robin fosters conservation in her personal life, including participating in the annual Lucas SWCD Tree & Garden sales to provide native plants for her home. Robin is a terrific inspiration to her students and other educators – thank you Robin!

~ Congratulations on a job well done! ~