

North Branch Area Schools “Person of the Week”

Welcome to our NBAS Person of the Week! Each week, we highlight a member of our incredible team to showcase their unique contributions and share a bit about their journey. This week, we’re shining the spotlight on Sara Hyde, NBE STEAM teacher.

Sara’s dedication, creativity, and commitment to her students and colleagues make her a true leader at North Branch Elementary. She loves bringing wonder and excitement to the classroom...which is why she loves S.T.E.A.M. education. STEAM education equips students with critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation skills necessary for success. Sara works endlessly to inspire and empower the next generation of innovators.

Sara’s Story:



My name is Sara Hyde and I’m honored to be sharing my story with you. I was born and raised in Saginaw, MI and started my teaching career there. I’m proud to be from my hometown but lucky to be a part of the North Branch learning community for the last twenty-four years.

I have had the opportunity to serve in various roles within the district, including preschool teacher and coordinator, as well as teaching second, third, and fourth grades. Currently, I hold the position of STEM teacher at the elementary level. I have truly enjoyed each role in which I have been involved.

My dad has always taught me to ask for what I want. He said the worst thing people can tell me is no. During my career, that is what I did. I asked for things I thought would enhance my teaching and benefit students. Sometimes the answers were no, but I have received a lot of yeses over the years. With support from administrators and peers, I have started and been involved in some amazing programs. This school district fosters an environment that encourages opportunity and growth. It’s why I love teaching here.

Family is important to me. I come from one that loves, supports, and cheers one another on. Some students don’t have that. That’s why the culture of every classroom I have had and continue to have is about family. I believe building strong relationships with students and their families is the key to helping every student grow. Our school district and community is the same, one big family always there when you need them. I cherish the relationships I have built here and it’s why I love being part of this community.

My advice to others is to support those around you. You might not understand why they are doing what they do, but support makes all the difference. Oh, and ask for what you want. You just might get a yes!

Here is what some of her co-workers had to say...

- As a board member, we have the pleasure to see and tour many of our district's extra-curricular activities and Sara seems to be involved in many of them. From the garden club, to raising salmon, to coming up with new creative ideas for her students to express themselves and learn new things in a way that is fun and exciting for students. Sara puts a lot of her own personal time into the students and the district and deserves to be recognized. She is also the first smiling face to greet you upon entering the elementary on any given morning.
- Sara Hyde is an innovative STEAM teacher and energetic instructor who seamlessly integrates critical thinking in students. She embraces hands-on, project-based learning, challenging students to tinker, collaborate, and solve real-world problems. Through the utilization of cutting-edge technology, she creates interactive lessons that captivate students. Sara provides a growth mindset, showing learners that failure is a stepping stone to learning. By pairing creativity with analytical knowledge, Sara equips learners for the ever-changing needs of tomorrow, empowering students to become tomorrow's problem-solvers and innovators

We are so proud to have Sara Hyde on our team and appreciate the impact she makes every day! Please join us in celebrating her well-deserved recognition!