

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 Angela Grasak, a 5th grade Science and Social Studies teacher at Ruth Fox Middle School.

We are proud to honor the outstanding work of Angela, whose passion for learning and commitment to student growth shine in every lesson. Her ability to ignite curiosity, foster critical thinking, and connect the past to the present—and the classroom to the real world—makes a lasting impact on every student she teaches.

Through her dedication, creativity, and care, she inspires a love of discovery and empowers students to explore both the world around them and the history that shaped it.

Thank you for being a guiding light in the lives of your students and a valued leader in our school community.

Angela’s Story:



What a great honor to be selected as the person of the week for NBAS. Thank you for the nomination. I am currently working as a 5th grade science and social studies teacher teaming with Holly Mitchell and Michelle Goldstein at Ruth Fox Middle School, but I have worked in several other buildings, teaching other subjects, at a few different levels with other teammates over the past 21 years. It has been a huge learning experience over the years and I have been appreciative to work with all the colleagues I have had the opportunity to collaborate with over the years. This is a job that I have never found to be boring!

There are not very many people still working in the district that can say they worked as a teacher at Sweet School, but I am very thankful I was able to start my career for North Branch Area Schools in that building. I was hired at the school board meeting the day before school started in 2003! I got to leave the meeting before it ended so I could go set up my classroom. When Sweet School closed a few years later, we moved to the “old” elementary and mid-year we walked to the “new” elementary. That was a true adventure! I enjoyed working with the first and second graders. After taking a one-year sabbatical for the birth of my daughter and the death of my father, I began teaching 5th/6th students and have been at Ruth Fox Middle School ever since.

I have loved working with different people, seeing strengths and how people face challenges daily. There are a lot of great people in this area. Being able to help kids that are struggling is a very rewarding experience for me. It has been my experience that the kids that need the most help can often be the most difficult in a classroom setting, but everyone has something to offer; sometimes you have to look really hard to find it, but it's there. Learning something new each day is an enjoyable goal that keeps me on my toes.

I love gardening with my 8-year-old daughter, Grace, and playing board/card games with my 13-year-old son, Isaac. I am thankful for my husband and the support he has given me over the past 20 years of our marriage. Family is so important to me.

Thank you for this nomination. I hope you are all able to rest up and relax over the summer break. I am so blessed to come back to school in the fall and have another year to be with students again!

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

- It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Angie Grask for recognition, as she truly exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding educator, teammate, and friend. Her dedication to providing high-interest, meaningful learning opportunities for her students is unmatched. She brings a contagious enthusiasm into the classroom that not only engages her students but also inspires those around her. One of Angie's greatest strengths is her flexibility and her vast knowledge across a wide range of content areas. She seamlessly adapts to meet the diverse needs of her students, always finding creative and effective ways to make learning exciting and relevant. Her ability to pivot, innovate, and bring any topic to life is a gift that has had a lasting impact on both students and colleagues. Beyond her incredible work in the classroom, Angie consistently goes above and beyond—doing the "unseen extras" that often make the biggest difference in creating memorable and effective learning experiences. Whether it's staying late to prepare hands-on activities, organizing enriching events, or simply offering a listening ear, she does it all with a kind heart and a joyful spirit. As a teammate, she is everything one could wish for—supportive, dependable, and always ready with a smile. She lifts others up, shares ideas freely, and fosters a sense of collaboration and positivity that strengthens our entire school community. In every way, Angie Grask is a model of excellence, and she is so deserving of this recognition.
- Angie genuinely cares about her students and always does what is best for them. From writing grants for the Science Fair to organizing cross-curricular projects, she is always up for an adventure! Her enthusiasm is contagious! Students can't wait to see what experiment/project they will be doing next!

Angie always looks out for her teammates and tries to help anyway she can. She is a great friend and colleague and her genuine kindness, passion for teaching, and willingness to go that extra mile is inspiring!

- Mrs. Grassk is a beacon of positivity and innovation. She always has a positive attitude, which gives her a mindset of openness to new opportunities. As an example, her partnership with the Flint Science Fair has given her students opportunities to complete hands on challenges, get feedback from industry representatives, attend the Science Fair, and students received recognition for their efforts. A unique opportunity for her students that no other school in county took advantage of. Angie's positive nature is in all of her student interactions. Even a critique has a positive, yet corrective spin on it. This positivity shows her passion for her students, the content she teaches, and teaching as a whole.

Thank you, Angela, for being such a vital part of our school community. Please join us in celebrating her well-deserved recognition!