



Making A Difference!

By holding the highest standards and consistently exceeding them, you help us achieve extraordinary results. Because of you, our district is stronger every day.

The Miamisburg City School District has an excellent staff. We want to recognize our everyday accomplishments. Please nominate a staff member who exemplifies 40 Assets by supporting the healthy development of our students or a staff member who demonstrates Best Practices. Selected staff members will be highlighted at a board meeting, on the website or in the Viking Voice. Please send all completed nomination forms to Brenda Hibberd – Memorial Building.

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NAME OF STAFF MEMBER	<u>Joi Dorsten</u>	BUILDING	<u>Mark Twain</u>
NAME OF NOMINATOR	<u>Mark Twain Staff</u>	BUILDING	<u>Mark Twain</u>

REASON STAFF MEMBER IS NOMINATED

Since Ms.Joi Dorsten came to Mark Twain Elementary four years ago, she has been making a difference. As a third and fourth grade intervention specialist, Joi has worked diligently and with excellence creating safe, organized spaces for her students to learn and grow. As a brand new teacher, she came in weeks before school started to paint her classroom a calm blue. Her manner with students matches the peaceful room, as she instructs and interacts with her students utilizing the same quiet respect. Her manner with students allows her to develop rapport with all her students, and particularly with the students in “squad,” our PBIS check-in-check-out system. The students know Joi cares for them and will hold them to a high standard because she believes in them. Joi has been a tremendous help to new staff members as she shares a caseload with them. She is professional and supportive of staff, students and parents. She is encouraging and models our PBIS words herself as she is respectful at all times, meets deadlines, is proactive and shows compassion and understanding of others.

Joi willingly takes initiative to get involved in school projects, bringing her eye for detail and attendance to detail and excellence. As a member of the PBIS team, she has made substantive contributions, often without being asked. For instance, Joi started a new, well loved tradition of an end-of-year slideshow to be shared at our final POPs assembly. Each class is featured with several photos and a theme song, as well as pictures of all our staff in various areas of the building. She has made one each year since, gathering photos throughout the year. This year, she went above and beyond by coordinating a staff act for our school talent show. She spent hours of her own time securing the necessary props and arranging practices for our “fat head” dance, always working quietly and efficiently. Joi is competent, collaborative and creative both in the classroom and in the building at large, impacting our entire Mark Twain community.

Joi is a remarkable young professional who touches many lives and enriches the educational environment for everyone. We are honored to present the Making-A-Difference award to Joi Dorsten.

