



2014 Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Lin Leeds

Trinity Baptist School, Fond du Lac, WI

Lin Leeds is a hero in many ways but perhaps the most relevant is the fact that she is able to balance being a pastor's wife with the intense job of teaching K - 2nd graders in her classroom. Ministry for Lin has always been a priority and it is more than refreshing to know that she has energy and passion for the youngest children of our school. It is not easy living in a "fish bowl" and under the "microscope" from all angles of ministry. Expectations are high for this situation. It takes a monumental amount of character and heart to be a part of a teaching team and also have the unwritten duties and burdens of a pastor's wife. Lin not only teaches but has coached volleyball at TBS for over 17 years. She lead at least 4 teams to WACS state championships which demonstrates her drive toward excellence. I am thankful for the fact that she values athletics as a platform to make an impact with our Jr and Sr High students along with her passion and work in the elementary grades. The impact she has had on students of all ages has been a blessing beyond what an administrator or ministry could want. Lin has not had an easy time juggling all of this and has had to deal with some very serious personal issues that Satan used to try to destroy her ministry. God has been gracious to this lady and she has used that platform to teach young people about Christ. No teacher is perfect and all teachers during their career will wonder if it is worth the fight. For Lin it is! Lin does not take "time off" so to speak. Most days in the summer she is in her classroom uploading documents to the smartboard or making lesson plan adjustments for the upcoming year. Not every administrator can honestly say that a staff member actually puts in more hours in than he, however this is true of a very dedicated teacher at Trinity Baptist School. It is a real honor and privilege to work next to and beside Lin for the cause of Christ. Years of experience many have, but a heart and passion demonstrated by Lin Leeds none can match. For this reason alone Lin should receive this award not only for this year but every year she has taught in our school. May God grant you many more years of God honoring service "training the next generation."