

# Keith Dempsey

**Keith Dempsey** is a Physical Education teacher at Costello and Troy Union Elementary schools. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Carthage College in Wisconsin and his Master's in teaching from Saginaw Valley State University. His career spans 29 years.



Keith was recognized for his innovative approaches to physical education which have set the district in line for programs that were adopted state wide. He motivates his students with creative use of music and technology. Students enthusiastically enjoy rock-climbing, cup stacking and Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) along with walking paths to the district. Colleagues join in the accolades regarding Keith's leadership and passion for his work; high standards, solid work ethic and the ability to generously share ideas and try new things are characteristic of Keith's style of teaching. He has been known to organize many special events for the schools including Field Day, Mileage Club, the ACES Walk (All Children Exercising Simultaneously). His praise of students and encouraging support make all children of varying abilities flock to his side. Parents are very pleased to have their students come home excited, accepted and looking forward to more opportunities under Keith's guidance.

Keith was honored in the spring of 2007 as Elementary Teacher of the Year for Troy School District then went on to be the Oakland County Finalist for 2007.