

Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year:

Christopher Reeves

Warrior Elementary School, Jefferson County

Christopher Reeves graduated from UAB with a Bachelor's degree in physical education and has been teaching and dancing his way into the hearts of his students ever since. He has been a part of the HEAL program almost since he began teaching. He has been a presenter at conferences and workshops around the state and Southern District region and represented ASAPERD at the Southern District Future Professional Leadership Development Conference as a student. He was the Jefferson county Elementary Teacher of the Year and has been on numerous planning committees due to his creative and passionate thinking where our state's children are concerned. He holds Physical Education Night in his school's community where parents come and participate in activity to learn that physical education is not just about playing games but raising their heart rate to learn how to be healthy. He is also the voice of the Mortimer Jordan High School Marching Band where he takes a group of his elementary students to perform a dance routine. Mr. Reeves states' "I believe that teaching is, at its core, an endless pursuit of identification, implementation, and preparation toward the best interests of the students in our charge in every precious moment we are given with them. The actual implementation of that curriculum is where the real "nuts and bolts" of teaching is found, but it must be a multi-faceted approach." A parent proudly states' "Coach Reeves doesn't ever just stand around watching students engage in an activity; he is always actively involved in their learning processes. He spends countless hours making up terrific dance routines to popular music." Congratulations Mr. Reeves, we are thankful for your tireless effort in educating Alabama's children and representing ASAPERD so well.