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Teacher of the Year Mid-Atlantic District 2025

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) - Americas Mid-Atlantic District proudly announces that Dr. Erica Edwards, a 3rd Grade Teacher at Heroes Elementary School, has been honored as the Mid-Atlantic District Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Edwards has been celebrated for her exceptional commitment to providing excellent educational experiences. Her efforts have significantly impacted her students, colleagues, and the broader Camp Lejeune community, especially the military-connected families she serves. Her innovative teaching methods and dedication to fostering a supportive and enriching learning environment have set a high standard for educational excellence in the district.

Throughout her tenure at Heroes Elementary School, Dr. Edwards has demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to inspire and empower her students. Her approach to teaching is characterized by a focus on inquiry-based projects, higher-order questioning, and collaborative learning. These methods not only engage students but also instill a deep love for learning and curiosity.

In addition to her instructional prowess, Dr. Edwards has shown exceptional leadership within and outside the educational sphere. She has been instrumental in leading the STEAM initiative at Heroes Elementary School and has contributed significantly as a keynote speaker at the prestigious American Farm Bureau Fusion Conference in the 2022-23 school year. Her commitment to professional development and her ability to integrate Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) across curricula underscore her role as a trailblazer in educational innovation.

Dr. Edwards' dedication extends beyond the classroom. She has developed meaningful partnerships with local, state, and national organizations, such as National Agriculture in the Classroom, North Carolina Farm Bureau in the Classroom, and STEM East. These collaborations have enriched the educational experiences of her students, providing them with hands-on learning opportunities that connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.



Erica Edwards
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3rd Grade Teacher