

# NDVS/SB OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

*NDVS/SB provides individualized services and resources to infants, children, and adults with visual impairment to empower them in achieving their goals.*

## Meet Our Favorite Teachers!

**Let's celebrate some of the teachers who inspired, encouraged, accommodated, and cared for NDVS/SB teachers during their school years.**



**Lanna Slaby**

*Ms. Albrecht (left)*  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade

She was a new college graduate, and she was so kind and enthusiastic about teaching. I had written on the back of my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class picture with her, "My Best Teacher I Ever Had!" I had only 2 teachers prior to that!

**Melissa Snyder**

*Mrs. Jensen*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

That year a new school was built in Wyndmere, ND, and part way through the school year, we helped move things from one building to the other. I remember it being an exciting time. That school year I had my appendix removed and was out of school for a few weeks. I remember getting homemade get-well cards from all my classmates and how special I felt getting one from my teacher.

**Ken Dockter**

*Mr. Anderson*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shop – Metal

I never really had any accommodations in school, but he made simple accommodations to help me see things in shop class. He gave me a large print tape measure. He sprayed the galvanized metal with a spray paint meant for the metal. So, when I needed to measure and make a mark with a nail, I could see it because it scratched the spray paint. I remember talking to him about grades and the second semester I got an A, probably because he helped with some accommodations.

**Danielle Hillebrand**

*Mrs. Pulst*

High School English

Teachers spend a lot of time crafting their classroom management, and for whatever reason I find myself thinking back to how calm and respectful the learning environment was in Mrs. Pulst's classroom. As a student I never thought about this, but now as a teacher I often wonder what it was that she "had."

**Erin Storhoff**

*My Grandma*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

I would spend time in her classroom in the summer to help clean up from the year or set up at the beginning. She always gave me materials that she no longer used to "play" school when I was younger. I always wanted to be a teacher in some sort of way because of her.



**Mary Verlinde**

*Mrs. LaRock (left)*  
High School English

She also supervised me for a correspondence Latin class. She has always been a free spirit, and I just connected with her!





*Erika explains the picture above: I took a sewing class my senior year. This is Mr. Enich with a pillow that I made out of scraps and gave to him on our last day of school.*

### Erika Moulton

*Mr. Enich*

High School Math and homeroom

Math was definitely not my strong suit in school, but he was one of those teachers that just knew how to interact with each and every student and was never one to put someone down for not understanding how to do something. His room was a safe place for people to go hang out; most days there would be students that would go hang out in there for their lunch hour. I had him for math my freshman and sophomore year, and then my junior year I got placed with another teacher. A lot of the kids in my class, including myself, did very poorly due to the teacher's style. I was able to go to Mr. Enich throughout my junior year for help, and he explained things in a way that just made more sense. Once I moved onto math my senior year, I was so lost and ended up repeating the math class from my junior year. Luckily I got placed with Mr. Enich. I passed math that year with an A and it was all because of him!

### Tracy Wicken

*Mrs. Schuster*

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

When I first saw Mrs. Schuster on the first day of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I didn't think I would like her and was disappointed because she was not young, and I thought she would be boring and "old." It wasn't too far into the school year that I grew to really like Mrs. Schuster because even though she was an "older" teacher, she was fun and vibrant and saw me as a person. She saw all of her students, and we all liked her very much. I think it might have been because she exceeded our expectations, and she was really "cool." She made even the most boring subjects fun and was kind and took an interest in you. She could be firm, and you respected her because she respected you. I was even happier when I found out that she went to the same church as I did. I saw her on Sundays too! At the end of the year, she had our class at her house for a picnic. It was a lot of fun and she was very musical too. She liked to sing, and so did I, so it was fun to have her as my music teacher as well.

# Summer is for Reading



**SUMMER IS FOR READING GOOD BOOKS IN COZY LITTLE NOOKS.**

**by Michele Willman, Vision Resource Specialist**

Remember the Vision Resource Center (VRC) for your Summer Reads!

Just because school isn't in session doesn't mean it isn't a good time to read! The VRC is open throughout the summer during regular business hours. You are welcome to come in and browse the shelves. Or, contact us and we can ship books out to you for your summer reading pleasure.

We have memoirs, mysteries, westerns, science fiction, and much more in braille and large print for children, teens, and adults. To find just the right book, contact Michele Willman at 701-795-2781 or [mwillman@nd.gov](mailto:mwillman@nd.gov).



*Above, a few good books on display in the VRC.*