

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Name: Tracy Kio

Year of Graduation: 1982

What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?

After high school I attended Mansfield University where I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in elementary education. In addition to my undergraduate work, I also earned a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction as well as a Principal's Certification.



I accepted a third grade teaching position at the Port Allegany Elementary School in 1987 where I have been a teacher and administrator for the past 37 years. I taught for 23 years in grades 3 and 4 and have spent 14 years in administration. The past 12 years I have served in the capacity as the elementary principal.

In 1989, I married Vicky (Stauffer 1986) and we have two daughters, Kaitlyn Jones (Johnny Jones), and Kaylee Kio who have blessed us with 4 wonderful grandchildren, Addilyn, Peyton, Lilly, and Rhett.

Throughout my teaching career I also coached boys' and girls' basketball and many youth programs. I am lucky to say that during my entire career I have been fortunate to be surrounded by remarkable people including administrators, teachers, parents and most of all the children of our community.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with family, friends, the outdoors, and hunting.

Where do you currently live?

Port Allegany, Pennsylvania

Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?

There were so many awesome teachers throughout my years of high school. Many of them had a positive impact on me as a student and helped shape the direction of my life. Mr. Daisley was always a master at simplifying math in order to make it fun and meaningful. He always had that big smile with a recognizable laugh. Mr. Oviatt and Mr. Dan always ran a light hearted, but tight ship in the gymnasium area.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

It is clearly the people who made high school so enjoyable. Our teachers and coaches were so passionate about their individual disciplines which made learning meaningful. Along the way they emphasized many life lessons that we carried with us. They really took the time to learn about each one of us on a personal level and made us feel important. Our class was a tight knit group who made the days adventurous to the point where we always wanted to be at school. There was always a sense of community in the hallways of PAHS that made us proud to be a Gator!