



2023 Elementary Educator of the Year

Kimberly Johnston

A proud member of the Sumter community, Kimberly is a member of the Sumter Younglife Committee and a past Wyldlife leader. She serves as a First Baptist Church Youth Leader and a High School Sunday School Teacher. She has been the Head Coach of the Alice Drive Elementary School "Girls on the Run" team for seven years.

Kimberly is very proud to teach at Alice Drive Elementary which is a nationally accredited STEM school. With a school-wide focus on STEM skills, ADE is teaching its students how to be critical thinkers and problem solvers for tomorrow's world. In her classroom, students use the engineering and design process, share, and collaborate with their classmates, and create solutions to their own problems. These are the skills and practices that are demanded in today's workforce.

While teaching the core subject areas is important, she believes it is the relational and whole-child teaching that gives her the greatest joy in the classroom.

Teaching is a privilege that this educator never takes for granted. Kimberly is thankful and feels blessed to be a teacher, teaching the amazing children of Sumter.