

# Family of teachers inspired Rohrbach

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PIQUA — It wasn't difficult to predict what occupation Washington Intermediate School intervention specialist Stephenie Rohrbach would choose. Besides several aunts and uncles, all three of her sisters are teachers. "I remember listening to them talk about their day," Rohrbach said. "I knew teaching was the career for me."

Rohrbach was born in Denver, Colo., but moved to Toledo until her junior year when the family settled in Piqua. She is a 1993 alumna of Piqua High School. During her high school years, she played tennis, basketball, ran track, was a member of SADD and student council, and



played flute in the band.

She enrolled at Anderson University and majored in K-8 elementary education. "Education was a natural choice," she said. "My sisters are teachers. Libbey teaches third grade at High Street School. Joy is a social studies and English teacher in Toledo, and Kelley is a social studies



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Stephenie Rohrbach, right, works with students at Washington Intermediate School last week. Pictured with Rohrbach are, (clockwise from bottom left.) Jimmy Perry, Brittany Cromes, Kyler Carnes and Zoey Conley.

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and government teacher at Northmont High School."

Rohrbach chose Anderson because one of her sisters was already a student and actually turned out to be a resident assistant in Stephenie's dorm. Once she got settled, Rohrbach got involved in a wide range of activities. She played club basketball and volleyball. She joined student government and helped with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. She volunteered at a local nursing home and was part of a campus prison ministry.

"Helping others was very rewarding," she said. "It reinforced my desire to be a teacher." Rohrbach earned her bachelor's degree in 1997. Later, she received a master's

degree in special education from Wright State University.

After college, Rohrbach subbed for a year, then, landed a job at the Christian Academy in Sidney teaching second and third graders. This lasted two years. Next, she was hired by the Miami County Educational Service and was assigned as an intervention specialist at Washington and Wilder schools. Seven years ago, she became a Piqua City Schools employee and has been exclusively at Washington ever since.

Today, she co-teaches six classes of inclusion language arts to students in grades 4, 5, and 6. Inclusion classes are a mixture of students with and without Individual Educational Plans. The classes

are taught by a teacher and an intervention specialist who is a co-teacher.

"I never get bored with teaching," Rohrbach said. "Each day is new with new challenges." She credits the staff at Washington with doing what is best for each student. "We are a team, and we help each other for the benefit for the students. We put kids first." Besides her duties in the classroom, Rohrbach pulls out individual students to offer extra help in reading and math.

On her own time, Rohrbach enjoys reading and spending time outdoors. She is very involved with Grace United

Methodist Church in Piqua. She also volunteers at a program on Wednesday nights for students in first through sixth grades. They play games and have a lesson during this time. "It is a lot of fun hanging out with the kids and just having fun," she said.

Rohrbach and her husband Jon have been married 13 years. They have two daughters. Anna, who plays basketball and is in Girl Scouts, is a third-grader at High Street. Madi, a Pee Wee football cheerleader, is a second-grader. The family likes to vacation in Florida, go camping, and visit family.

### Meeting scheduled

PIQUA—The North Parks Neighborhood Association will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at

and other individuals. The North Parks is always seeking opportunities to work on proj-