



He's the man with a roomful of bugs, rocks and newts.

On the walls of his room are charts of chemical formulas, the life cycle of plants and weather regions of the world.

Unlike the other teachers, he wears a white lab coat with his name over the breast pocket.

He once had his class lay out the solar system in the parking lot with a basketball as the sun and each of the planets scaled to size and distance.

On his desk is the neatly lettered motto he lives by: "There are too many interesting things to learn about for school to ever be boring."

Some girls in his class dread dissecting the frog. And if the truth were known, a few of the boys do, too.

Three times a year he assigns major projects. And each year, he has students whose projects win top awards in state competitions.

If you ask anyone in the school who's the toughest teacher, you'll hear his name.

If you ask whose class they enjoy the most, you'll hear his name again.

He's the science teacher.

But if you ask him what he does, he won't answer it that way. He'll give you a smile and say that he fans the spark of the imagination.

Science teacher, newt raiser or spark fanner — to us, he has one of the most important jobs in Ashland's America.



Teachers change lives.

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