



**West Virginia Reading Association
Conference
at the Greenbrier Resort
*Erin Anderson-November 19, 2021***

West Virginia's Teacher of the Year is 20-year veteran teacher, Erin Anderson. She is a fifth-grade teacher at Tennerton Elementary School in Buckhannon, West Virginia. Anderson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Master of Arts degree in Reading from West Virginia University. She currently serves as secretary of Faculty Senate, mentor for the mileage club, cooperating teacher for student teachers, member of the superintendent's leadership council, and member of the district's wellness committee. She previously served on the Title I committee, interview committee, and leadership committee at her home school and as adjunct professor at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Anderson served seven years as Director of Membership for the West Virginia Reading Association.

Anderson feels a responsibility to not only prepare her fifth graders for middle school academically, but socially as well. She implements and reinforces the social skills taught in guidance lessons. She takes pride in spending time getting to know her students. Anderson connects with students during Move It Mondays, a mileage club she started at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. Students stay after school once a week – rain or shine – to walk and/or run alongside her. The time she spends with students outside the classroom both strengthens relationships and encourages lifelong healthy habits.

