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## “HELPING KIDS MOTIVATES ME” HYETTE DAIKHI

... TEACHER ...HONOR STUDENT  
... MCHS AND PNW ALUM  
... MICHIGAN CITY SUCCESS STORY

In her first year out of college, Hyette Daikhi is already giving back to the community and school system that raised her.

**SHAPING THE FUTURE** A 2013 Michigan City High School graduate and a 2017 graduate of Purdue University Northwest, Hyette is a new teacher at Marsh Elementary School. “I became a teacher because I wanted to help students grow and reach their full potential. I love showing my fourth graders that things that seem impossible at first can be achieved through setting goals and working together.”



**NO PLACE LIKE HOME** Hyette attended Springfield Elementary and Elston Middle schools before moving on to MCHS, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, French Club, Steering Committee, and newspaper staff. “I feel lucky to be a part of such a diverse community at MCAS. It’s exciting to come back to the same school system that I grew up in.”

**PAY IT FORWARD** Dual-credit and AP courses gave Hyette a head start on college, and she graduated with distinction. Her performance earned her a college scholarship, and she graduated with honors from PNW, as well. “I felt very well prepared for college. I had many teachers who were incredibly supportive and invested in the success of their students. Now I want to be the same type of advocate for other children.”

**SECRET TO SUCCESS:** “Find something you’re passionate about, that motivates you. It’s so rewarding to see students overcome challenges and grow further than they expected.”

### Did you know?

Another MCHS 2013 grad, Megan Van Gemen, is also a first-year teacher... she’s at Lake Hills Elementary!

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