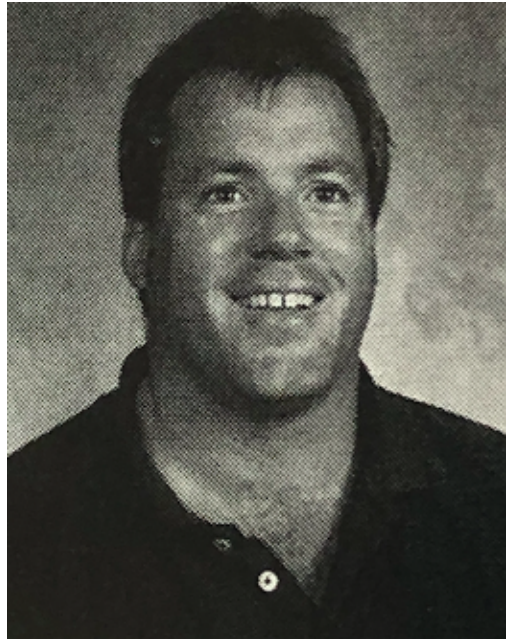




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Special Edition: Farewell, Mr. Kramer!



The Champion Times wishes Mr. Kramer an amazing, well-earned retirement. In honor of his 34 years of service to BASD, here are a few pages of student, colleague, and coach stories and sentiments to send Mr. Kramer on his way.



Ms. Pariso (BMS Principal) My favorite memories of Mr. Kramer is him in my office every morning to have funny talks or to give me treats. I hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement and I can't wait to see him again at this school on the field.

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Mrs. Olszewski (BMS Assistant Principal) My favorite memory of Mr. Kramer is getting to see him coach all his students. My retirement advice for him is to have lots of fun playing golf and baking. Also that he comes to visit us with the baked goods!

Diane Toraason (BMS Principal 1991-2009)- Dave, Retirement is a wonderful institution. Enjoy every minute of it!

Mr. Zak (BMS Dean of Students Fall 2019-Spring 2021)
Retirement Advice: 1. Invite Mr. Zak over for some golfing!
2. Have your spouse work at least 5 more years so you can work on that honey "to-do" list.
My first memory of Mr. Kramer was when I kicked his butt coaching boys basketball at Ripon. -He is not a good loser. ;)
I appreciate Dave's dedication to students and staff at Berlin. I hope he is able to reflect on all fo the lives (including mine) that he has touched along his teaching and coaching journey. Thank you, Dave!!!



MATH COMPETITION

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Mrs. Becker (Former Curriculum Director) - Best of luck in your retirement, Krames! You always had a way of making everything fun...at least most times. Thanks for always working with the kids in mind. Take Care!

2 Student Memories



My favorite memory about Mr. Kramer is how he always made the class laugh and how his room was always a fun, stress free zone.

He would always keep me motivated in class and on the football field.

My favorite memory with Mr Kramer was when he was able to help me get into Algebra.

When he used to see me at Walmart and yell at me for my grades.

There are too many to choose from, but it would definitely be when he would pick on us in a funny way.

Teaching us multiple new games to play.

I don't really have a favorite memory of Mr.Kramer, but I do know that It was always nice to know when I went into his class he would have a smile and we would always be having a fun time.

Nearing the end of my 8th grade year, I was working on making a sweatshirt and would sit in class and hand sew it. I ran out of thread, and the next day he gave me a little sewing kit he had for me with more white thread in it that I was able to use that day.

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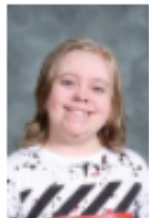
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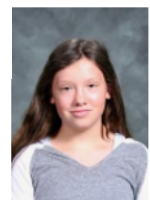
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3 Student Memories cont.

When Mr. Kramer was score person at one of my wrestling matches!

As a coach, when I choked on a strawberry and he helped me.

The way he understood kids and would joke with them.

Having Mr. Kramer as my track coach, he would say I run like a horse and I would take a picture of us every track meet.

His humor.

He always joked around with us and always gave me gum.

My favorite memory of Mr. Kramer as a coach is when he coached the 8th grade girls basketball team in 2022 and I was making good plays/drives to the hoop and the next game I wasn't and he said "you just gotta find the groove." This made me push myself to find open plays and really made me more confident once I "found the groove".

Mr Kramer was the coolest coach I've ever had. My favorite memory would probably be any basketball game we were ever at. He would yell at us to do better but we knew he cared about how we did. In 7th grade, he used to call me "vertically challenged" and "pick on me". I knew he never meant it, but that's what I will always remember, he's the dude who always makes you laugh.

All the fun activities we did in class and during track, he was a fun coach!

He is funny and very outgoing.

My favorite memory of Mr.Kramer would be when I was in 6th grade. Mr.Kramer said he would be retiring soon and I would give him every few months a bunch of Kit Kats to bribe him to stay until my 8th grade year. He did stay but it took 2 years of constant Kit Kats and jokes about my brother.

1. He is a teacher that makes everything so fun in class, always makes sure you were okay, and got us to think and work harder, as well as helping us when needed. 2. Always there when you needed someone to talk. He was there making you laugh when you did not have a smile on your face. 3. A coach who pushed you just enough. And we learned a lot.

I think my favorite memory of Kramer has definitely got to be when he played really old music in the middle of math and would start singing to it, especially "Hound dog" by Elvis Presley. He would sing it in a way where he sounded like a complete dodo but that's what made it funny. All and all, I'll definitely miss him. I hope I'll still see him in Walmart! Bye Mr. Kramer!! Thank you for making middle school not so miserable for me.

#LongLiveMrKramer

Favorite memory: When Mr.Kramer's desk fell and broke and his cup stayed on the desk and didn't move.



4 Student Memories cont.

I think my favorite part about Mr Kramer is his attitude. He can be fun, but when he needs stuff done, he gets that stuff done. I also have great memories of football, and also just chatting it up about random things like hunting and other outdoors stuff.

To choose my favorite memory with "D Krame" would be incredibly hard. Walking into math every morning and hearing his loud voice boom over everyone is enough to remember him by. He made an incredible coach during the basketball and track seasons. I will surly miss hearing "Go gettem' Werchy" or "Pick your head up, it's not over yet." from him.

Coaching me in football.

Messing around with me in math class.

I love how he has an inside joke with everyone.

I have many favorite memories with Mr. Kramer, but I will never forget homeroom with him and gossiping to him!

Our 8th grade year when we switched to the separate grade math classes. He always watched over us and made sure that we were learning to get us ready for high school. He always made sure that we all understood the material. He couldn't have done a better job getting me ready for high school.

My favorite memory of Mr.Kramer as a coach was in track and basketball when he told me to be confident in myself, and would tell me that I would do great.

When he banged his head of the wall.

My favorite memory of him as a teacher is when he would pick on me because I'm a Petraszak. My favorite memory as a coach is when he'd help me one on one to get better.

One of my favorite memories was when I was in 7th grade. He was helping the class spell some words for our vocabulary section in math. One of the words had the letters "ICU" in it. The kids bursted out laughing because of the way he said it made it sound like he was saying "I see you". Every time he would repeat it he would say it in a different voice. We had to take a pause because the whole class could not stop laughing.

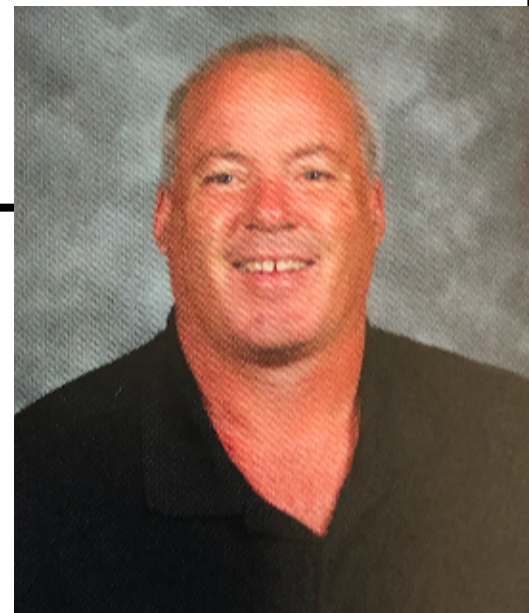
Mr. Kramer was an amazing math teacher and coach. My favorite memories with him were basketball and track, where he was a great coach.

I had a lot of memories of Mr.Kramer, but my favorite memories are when he made me laugh, he always knew how to make my day better.

I liked when he made funny jokes.

When he stalks me in Walmart. ;)

Going out for track and him helping me everyday to improve.



5 Staff Sentiments

My favorite memory of Dave is, back in the old Washington School days, if kids owed recess at lunch...he'd have them do exercises...that got rid of some of the extra energy they had running through them!

-Patti Piotter

One of my favorite memories of Mr. Kramer is from the summer before 8th grade. I received an invite to join football due to my name, even though I had been in Berlin schools my whole life. I ran into Mr. Kramer at Dollar Tree and told him about the invite and he told me to show up to practice in workout gear and show those boys how it's done. It was so funny and this memory has stuck with me my whole life. **-Joey Horton**

My first memory of Dave was as our son David's youth basketball coach. Dave always had a great smile and a joke. He shared his passion of the sport and also his passion for the kids. Dave encouraged the kids and taught them sportsmanship. He was very supportive and cheered them on. I also remember Dave's 30th birthday party and thought "he's just a kid". And now he is retiring with me! I am not sure what exactly happened there but I couldn't have better company. Best wishes always, Mr. Kramer! **- Terri Mauer**

Wishing the best retirement to Mr. Kramer! We will miss his humor and passion for coaching and teaching. There are certain people that are just naturals, and he is one of them. You will be missed! **- Jamie Bartol**

To Kramer - I wish you all the best! One of my favorite memories is during math department meetings when you shared your immense knowledge of teaching and your humor. Another one of my favorite memories is your greetings in the morning. I will remember your consistent positive presence, commitment for students, and support for other teachers! You will be missed at BMS. I hope you enjoy golfing and all the adventures of your retirement! **- Katie Schulz**

Dear Mr. Kramer, I am grateful that I got to work with you this past year. We will miss your positive energy, jokes and awesome treats. Remember to come visit! Happy adventures to you! **- Ms. Chier**

Mr. Kramer, I wish the best for you in your retirement. Please bring baked goods and smoked meats monthly during lunch time. ;) Some of my favorite memories are when we did our Platteville projects, the process we went through to get our Masters Degree, and of course the lunch time chats. Take care, you will be missed greatly at BMS. **- Mrs. Millette**

Seeing Mr. Kramer in a Hawaiian shirt symbolizes the start of summer break. I hope he continues to wear them on retirement! I hope each of his days feels like the first day of summer break! Stay awesome! **- Angela Beck**

Congratulation Mr. Kramer! Enjoy your well earned retirement but don't spend too much time golfing or spoiling that grandbaby! We love you! Best Wishes! **- Tracey Dederig**

I loved sneaking into Kramer's parking space when I got to school before him!!!! **- Missy Daubner**

Best Wishes! Thank you for your positive attitude, advice, and work for BMS students and staff! **- Tricia Walheim**

Thank you, Dave, for helping make my transition from elementary to secondary at BASD easier. AND, for always "keeping it real"! The school and lounge won't be the same without you, and that's not just because of your awesome baked goods. All the best to you in retirement. **- Beth Cook**

I remember being in middle school myself and having Dave as a teacher. He taught me a lot about math and lifelong skills, but one of my favorite things that he taught me was how to play cribbage! It is still a game I love to play today. Beyond that, I love working with him and really enjoy our get togethers at his house, our safety meetings around town, our talks and conversations, and the laughter we share! Best wishes for a wonderful retirement, Dave! Enjoy every single moment...you definitely deserve it! Be ready for phone calls, texts, and a lot of visits next year and beyond! **- Kelly (Schroeder) Stobbe**

I have so many memories of Mr. Kramer, as an elementary teacher at Washington School and as one of my middle school teachers. It has been a real treat working with him and knowing him as a friend, having him teach my own kids and watching him make a difference in their lives too has been a real blessing. Have an amazing well deserved retirement. **- Nicki Faulkner**

Some of my favorite memories of working at the middle school are because of Mr. Kramer. I have always appreciated his sense of humor and willingness to help out a new teacher when I first arrived at BMS. He has been a great mentor, partner to coach with, and friend. I wish him nothing but the best in his well deserved retirement. **-Jared Marshall**



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Coach Kramer

Coach Congratulations

8th grade B Team Boys Basketball



Steve Stellmacher (Former BHS Varsity Football Coach, Current Assistant)-I guess I can claim the honor of giving Dave his "Norm" nickname. Norm was a large, jovial character in a popular sitcom "Cheers". Dave seemed to fit the part at all coaches meetings and clinics.. Dave also played high school football for me starting as a sophomore at offense guard. I can remember telling Dave that he would make a great teacher and coach someday; my prediction was correct! When Dave was a senior, I needed someone to fill the tightend position. Dave had good size, great hands, and the right speed. Little did I know that Dave was hired to work at Shepards the summer before his senior football season. Dave put on some lbs thanks to burgers and ice cream, so much for the speed! However, Dave did make the all-conference team that year. Dave was always and still is great to work with! Congratualtions, "Norm"!

Bryant Bednarek (Former BMS Teacher/Coach, Current BHS Principal)

Dave- I have too many stories to share, but please know I have always appreciated the time that we spent together on the 8th grade team and on the football coaching staff. You have been, and will continue to be, a great friend to me and my family. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. If you put your initials on your golf balls, I can give them back to you when I find them in the woods.

Bob Prellwitz (Former BHS Teacher and Coach) - My favorite memory of coaching with Kramer is him always leading the victory song in the football locker room. He has a great passion for BHS football and the players love him for that. Congrats, Dave!



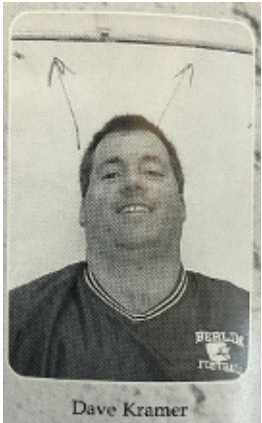
Mike Hermanson (Former BHS Counselor and Coach) - My funniest memory is coaching Dave when Shepards helped him put on "a few" pounds the summer after his junior year. His workuots consisted of lifting fast food and lifting heavy weights. At least he accomplished one of his two goals of becoming faster and heavier. Congrats, "Norm"!



Joe Stellmacher (Current BHS Varsity Football Coach)-I had the pleasure to have Mr. Kramer as a teacher, as a coach, and now as a colleague teaching and coaching together. There aren't many guys who have had a more positive impact on Berlin students and student-athletes the way Dave has during his 30+ years teaching and coaching in our district. Our Berlin community and generations of students cannot thank you enough for your time as a teacher and outside the classroom — from your early years doing instructional baseball with grade school kids to coaching football, baseball, basketball, and track at all levels. Every student and student-athlete that Dave has ever worked with are now better off and better citizens because of their interactions with him — whether it was with Mr. Kramer the math teacher or Coach Kramer on the athletic fields. "Norm" has been such a staple in our district for so many years and his shoes will be so hard to fill. You deserve every second of retirement and for the thousands of former students and student-athletes, we say THANK YOU Coach Kramer — you're truly one of the best!!!



7 Teacher Retiree Regards



Dave Kramer



Mr. Clark (Former 7th Grade Math Teacher, BMS) - My advice for Mr. Kramer on retirement: Enjoy every minute, you deserve it. My favorite memories of Mr. Kramer are that he was always jovial and there for the kids. He has always been a great teacher and role model for students.

Mr. Tincher (Former 4th Grade Teacher, Washington School)-Retirement is just the beginning of the next phase of life. Keep having fun, and enjoy every day. Remember our "extra long" recesses at Washington School? Working with you was always fun, and provided an abundance of great memories. Best wishes, old friend. Thanks for being a great support for my son, Andrew.

Mrs. Grams (Former 6th Grade Math Teacher, BMS)- Congratulations, Mr. Kramer! After working closely with you for thirty-plus years, I am sure you will enjoy retirement because you will carry your light-heartedness with you. It's been a privilege teaching and coaching with you. Now it's an honor helping you celebrate your retirement. Best wishes, my friend!

Mrs. Calabresa (Former 3rd Grade at Washington School and 2nd Grade at Clay)- The best part of retirement is spending time with the grandchildren. Take time just for you. Try something new. Enjoy the ride.

Mr. Tronoff (Former 4th Grade Teacher, Washington School and 6th Grade History, BMS) -Working with Mr. Kramer was always a pleasure, starting at Washington School with our all male team of 4th grade teachers (where he was a vicious 4-Square player) to the many many years teaching together on the staff of the Middle School, Dave always provided great instruction mixed with his natural good humor. You could always trust that Mr. K would make you laugh at least once per class period while at the same time making it easier to understand Math. You also knew that his bark was worse than his bite and that he truly loved teaching and helping his students. He will surely be missed in the classroom and the faculty lounge!

Mr. Felsman (Former PE Teacher, Washington and Clay Elementary) - One of my favorite stories is working summer painting jobs with Mr. Kramer and Mr. Clark. One time we sent "the smallest guy" up two stories with an ice cream bucket full of paint. The lady we were doing the job for was very particular and Mr. Kramer dropped the bucket two stories onto her wooden deck where it exploded. Oops. :D



Dave Kramer



Mr. Kramer