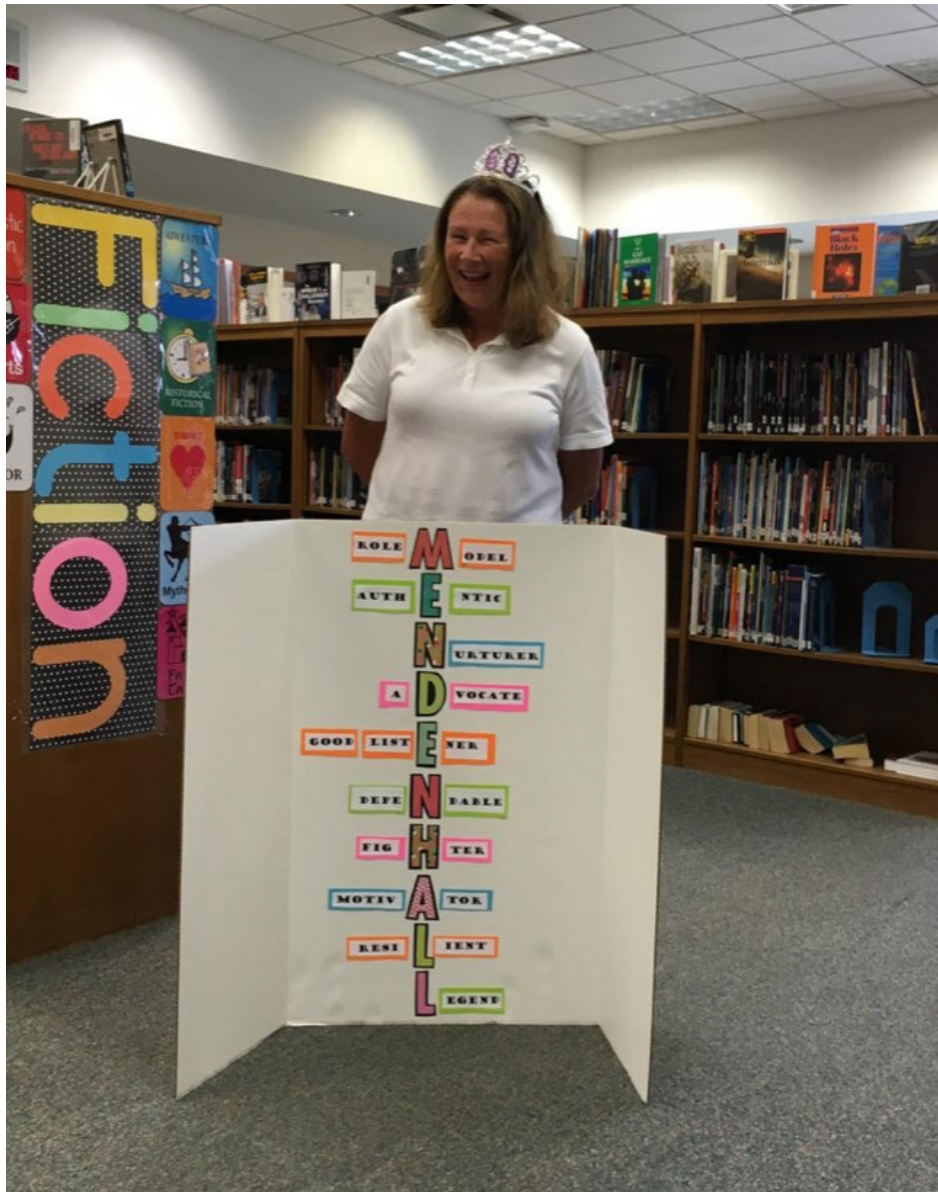


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The Life of Mrs. Mendenhall

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On Tuesday, March 14, Kerry Mendenhall, school counselor of The Heritage Middle School was interviewed by the HMS School Scoop in a press conference all about her personal life. This is what she told us.



To start things off, we asked her about the very first thing in her life, where she was born. Mrs. Mendenhall stated that she both grew up in and was born in Defiance, Ohio, which is Northwest of Hilliard. Continuing with places that she lived in, we asked her about where she has lived in her life. Mrs. Mendenhall responded by saying that she lived in Lexington, Kentucky. She went on to say that while she lived there, she studied at The University of Kentucky. So what other things has our school counselor done in her early life?

Mrs. Mendenhall went on to explain what jobs and careers she chose that led her up to this path. "My very first real job was as a swim instructor and a lifeguard," Mrs. Mendenhall responded with. "But my very first job, that wasn't technically a job, was volunteering as a cashier at a local clothing store." Mendenhall told us about her love for aquatics while she was interviewed. "If I didn't choose to work at schools, I would love to be a marine biologist. I have always had love for the water and sea life," She told us. But that wasn't the only career she showed interest in. Mrs. Mendenhall continued, "If there was another career I could choose, it would probably be working for the FBI. I watch many different FBI shows. But I realize that it would be terrible for my family life, so I didn't really consider it as a realistic career choice." But where did her love for teaching start at? Well, she went on to describe her very first teaching job as an English teacher for 10 years at the Groveport Madison High School. After that, she moved to Hilliard as a counselor for students at The Heritage Middle School.

Mrs. Mendenhall finished the press conference by pouring out her love for the school. She said, "If I had to rate the school out of 10, it would be a 10/10. Everything about this school is amazing. I think compared to the other places I've been to, Heritage has a great diversity to it. There's a successful music program, we have school athletics, and clubs. Not just that, but we have a great cultural diversity. We have people from different backgrounds, different ethnicities, different cultures. In a way, I see this school as a sort of melting pot, and that's what makes it so great."

Throughout all her life, from Defiance, to Lexington, to Hilliard, Mrs. Mendenhall has worked at many different places and done many different things. But she said that nowhere in her life has been important to her as The Heritage Middle School, and it will always be her home.