

Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Lopatka



Mrs. Lopatka has been teaching science in Orange County Public Schools for 15 years and has been at Edgewater High School for 10 of those years. She assists the EHS BETA Club; is the Director for the Dr. Nelson Ying Science Expo, and serves on the Florida State Science Fair Committee. Educational degrees include a BS degree in Science Education with graduate studies at Rollins College in genetics. Additionally she is the Vice President of Awesome Guides, Inc. (an educational publishing company – www.awesomeguides.com).

As Director for the YingExpo she is responsible for managing over 450 student research projects (middle and high school) from all schools (public and private) every year. This event requires over a hundred and fifty judges and at least 50 volunteers. She must secure over \$40,000 dollars of funding each year from grants and donations in order for this event to take place. Mrs. Lopatka believes that the time students spend doing independent research will allow them to learn numerous life long skills necessary for college and their business careers. She conducts numerous teacher/parent workshops through the Orlando Science Center and the UCF EYH programs.

After school Mrs. Lopatka is a SCUBA diver (dive master level), snow skier, baseball mom, and avid scrapbooker. To mellow out she enjoys reading, listening to music, spending time with family, and working out at the “Y”. Of the most important things in life to Mrs. Lopatka are her family, and her students. Her philosophy in education is that discipline, respect and hard work are foremost in learning.

“Success is only achieved with hard work and diligence” Carie L. Lopatka