

# GIANT DISCOVERY ZONE

**DREAM GIANT. DO GIANT. BE GIANT.**

## Meet Director Jessica Brown:

### **How I got involved in athletics:**

When I was in elementary school I had the opportunity to go to basketball practices with my brother, where I discovered my passion for basketball. I got involved in leagues, and coaches began to invest their time in me at a very young age. Through their investment and my hard work, I was able to accomplish more than I could have ever imagined.

### **Why I am passionate about the Giant Discovery Zone:**

The *only* way I was able to afford college was through my basketball scholarship. The Giant Discovery Zone will allow our students to discover their own passion — whether that is a sport, art, music, or a dream job — at a young age, so they can get involved and work to develop the skills they need to help broaden their options after high school.

### **What is the Giant Discovery Zone?**

This year, Marion Community Schools students in third and fourth grade will be able to explore and engage in 32 different activities. We are bringing in the best coaches and partners from the community for your kids because we believe that children engaged in activities they enjoy have the chance to develop important, life-enhancing characteristics, such as leadership, responsibility, discipline, and confidence. I am so excited to work with our students each day and to learn alongside them!

**This is my story ... but now it's my job to help your child write theirs.**

>> See your school office or the YMCA for details on how to get your child enrolled in the Giant Discovery Zone!

