



Introducing... Mr. Hunt

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■ HS/MS Teacher

Why are you working at Days Creek?

I began working at Days Creek Charter School, during the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year as a long term sub in the high school. During my time subbing, I found that I really enjoyed the students and community members and the family-like atmosphere I wanted to be a part of. So, when several jobs posted for the 2014-2015 school year, I applied for three of them: High School Social Studies, Middle School, and Elementary teaching positions. After interviewing, I was offered the middle school position.

Where did you go to college? What was your major?

Why did you choose that major?

After graduating from high school in 1988, I chose to continue my education at Oregon Institute of Technology, and become a civil engineer. Going to school at OIT also gave me the opportunity to continue playing football. Unfortunately, money dried up by spring term, and I had to move back home. I enrolled at Umpqua Community College, and continued my education in engineering through 1989. Then life happened, and continuing my education was put on hold. With some prodding by teachers I knew, I enrolled in the education program at UCC. In 2004, I received an Associate Degree in Elementary Education, My undergraduate degree from Western Governors University in 2011 in Social Sciences Education, and my graduate degree from the University of Phoenix, in Elementary Education. I am considered highly qualified to teach pre K-8 multiple subjects, and grades 5-12 social sciences. The reason for joining the teaching profession is that I really enjoy working with kids.

What is the funniest thing that happened while teaching Distance Learning?

On the first day we began Distance Learning, I was set to do my first class in Google Meets. As students entered the classroom I welcomed each of them. When class started, I began thanking the kids for showing up, and began to explain how we were going to do things. As I was doing this, several students began laughing hysterically. I asked them to stop, and focus on what I was saying. They continued to laugh. This lasted for a while, until a student finally sent me a message saying they could not hear me. I messaged the class back and asked them to all leave the classroom, and then enter again. As they students began to pop back into class I began talking again. As like before, the students began laughing because they could not hear me. I eventually dismissed the class for the day. After they left I tried to figure out what was wrong with my computer. It was working prior to the class. I eventually solved the problem. My laptop is old and if my screen is tilted in certain position, the volume doesn't work. From that time on, I made sure that I had my computer set up so my volume worked.

What is your greatest advice to Students? Parents?

My greatest advice to my students and parents is to never quit/give-up when things get difficult. Once you do quit, it will be easier to quit the next time you do something that is difficult.

What is your hidden talent?

When a song is played (1960s-1990s) I can tell you who sings the song, or the name of the song with just a very short segment of the song played. It's like the old TV program Name that Tune.

