



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*.

