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to support education*



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Teacher Feature

1. Your full name

•Heather Czajkowski

2. What do you teach and where?

•Fourth Grade at Hunter Elementary School in the Gibraltar School District.

3. How long have you been at that school?

•Nine years.

4. Where did you grow up and where were you educated?

•I grew up in Brownstown and went to Woodhaven Schools. I received my teaching degree from Wayne State University and then my Masters through Marygrove College.

5. Main reasons you decided to become a teacher.

•The main reason I decided to become a teacher was my love for children. I love watching them learn and how excited they become when they are learning. Children are like sponges.

6. Who was your greatest inspiration when you were a child and why?

•My greatest inspiration was my first grade teacher because she made learning fun and emphasized the importance of education at an early age.

7. Best thing about your job?

•The best thing about my job is being able to watch children grow academically from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Also, there are never two days that are the same. Each day of teaching brings something new.

8. Worst thing about your job?

•The worst thing about my job is the emphasis placed on standardized testing.

9. Best recent development in education?

•The best recent development in education is being able to use video streaming, computers, and websites as a teaching aid.



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10. Worst recent development in education?

•The worst recent development in education is the ever-changing curriculum.

11. If you had a magic wand, what would you provide for your students?

•If I had a magic wand, I would provide consistent love and support at home for my students to help them build their academic and self-confidence.

12. Finish this statement: Kids today need to _____.

•...understand how important education is, especially in our economically challenging times.

13. If you had to choose another profession, what would it be and why?

•If I had to choose another profession it would be a profession where I could travel and see the world.

14. What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?

•My hobbies and interests outside of school are spending time with family and friends, running my children to wherever they need to go, shopping, reading, golfing and exercising.

15. Best advice to pass along to beginning teachers?

•The best advice I have to pass onto new teachers would be to be flexible and open minded. Not all of your plans or lessons will go accordingly.

16. Best advice to pass along to parents of kids in school?

•The best advice I have to pass along to parents of kids in school is to talk to your child's teacher and keep the lines of communication open. It takes parents and teachers working together for children to be successful.

17. Look into your crystal ball and tell us what you see in the future for American education.

•In the future I see the expectations in education continually rising to stay competitive in the global market.

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