

Andrew Herrick
Teacher of the Month
April 2016

I wanted to write to you to nominate middle school science teacher, Andrew Herrick, for teacher of the month. Andrew is absolutely amazing with his students. He is very knowledgeable in his subject area and is constantly encouraging his students to do their best. Andrew takes his time with each student to ensure that they comprehend the material they are given. In order to further develop his students understanding of science, Andrew often conducts hands-on activities. My students in the middle school alternative program particularly enjoy Andrew's activities. For many of my students, traditional academics present a challenge. Andrew has helped open these children's eyes to new possibilities for themselves and their future. Andrew is very aware of the issues that many of our students face on a daily basis. He treats each student with the utmost respect and gently guides him or her to make good decisions for their lives. He listens to his students and doesn't just talk to them. It is a joy to see my students become so involved and excited with Andrew's lessons. I have also learned a great deal from him myself.

Andrew is always striving to become a better teacher. He is always looking towards his more seasoned co-workers to find ways to improve himself. He is ever so positive and always looking to do bigger and better things.

I have had the privilege to not only work with Andrew, but also to be a parent of one of his students. My son absolutely loved having Andrew as a teacher. Andrew has inspired my son to pursue a career in environmental studies through his energetic teaching of the subject. Even though my son no longer has Andrew as a teacher, he still sees him every Wednesday for his Environmental Club and is always excited to learn new things from him.

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