



Patrick McFetridge

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Patrick McFetridge SCHOOL: Edison Elementary School

Position: Physical Education Teacher YEARS IN DISTRICT: 9 years

Q. Why is teamwork such an important aspect of your P.E. program?

A. Students have to know how to work together and realize there are different ways to complete a task. It is not always just one way. Team work is not just in P. E. class, but also in the regular classroom and activities outside of school. I had a student recently tell me about using team work to help make the family dinner.

Q. Why is elementary school an important age for learning fitness skills?

A. Kids need to start young. One goal for my P.E. program is to get students to realize it is not just about traditional exercise. For example, it is not just about weight lifting. There are alternative ways to exercise and get strong without even knowing they are working out. My overall goal is to get students to move and leave my gym red faced and sweaty.

Q. What makes up the Fantastic Four?

A. The Fantastic Four is what my curriculum is based around in P.E. class. Physical Education students come to class and look to be SHOCKER students. SHOCKER students show respect, solve problems, make good decisions and work hard. If they demonstrate this behavior they have a chance to be a SHOCKER student. SHOCKER students demonstrate the Fantastic Four and are doing the right thing.

Q. How does the Fantastic Four push students to do their best?

A. I started something new last year called SHOCKER of the Month. I look for two students who I feel stood out during the class and I have these students pinpoint other students who they saw stand out. SHOCKER of the Month students are selected by the students.

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**MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
PATRICK'S CLASS:**

My wife Mikayla teaches second grade at Edison and our daughter just turned eight-months-old.



COMMENTS FROM PATRICK:

We have amazing teachers at Edison. When teachers pick up their students from P.E. we always communicate about how students performed. Students are graded on three areas – team work, attitude, and following directions. If they achieve those goals they receive a 5-Star.

I graduated from Walla Walla High School. I grew up playing baseball and am a huge Seattle Mariner and Seahawks fan. I enjoy jogging and spending time with my family.



I love my job. There is something different every 30 minutes.

I love the enthusiasm and energy that comes through the doors each and every day I come to work.