



Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Patrick Kofler

SCHOOL: Lincoln High School

Position: Art & English Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 3 years

Q. What are some of the recent projects your Pottery Class students are working on?

A. This class meets daily for 50 minutes. We just completed our second firing of the kiln. Students are working on pinch pots and coil pots. Some students have advanced to the wheel and are working on cylinders.

Q. What do students do with their work once they are finished?

A. We are working on creating the "Lincoln Showcase" on the main floor to display their work. Many of the students will give away their artwork as presents to family members. It makes them feel good sharing their work with others.

Q. Why is this class so popular at Lincoln High School?

A. Students are fully involved in every aspect of the class. It is a great setting for hands-on, active learning. It also keeps them busy the entire class and helps them develop a sense of pride in ownership of their work.

Q. How does your background in art help in your English classes?

A. I'm trying to find more ways to link the two subjects together by using more art in my English classes. Art allows students the freedom to create. We have so many creative students at Lincoln; it just makes sense to better utilize their strengths.

Q. What are you most proud of at Lincoln High School?

A. We are holding students accountable and working hard to get them to graduation. We're a small school and we're a family. I'm proud of the work of our staff and students. I really like what we are doing here.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
PATRICK KOFLER'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM PATRICK...
We have 13 students in the pottery class. They receive one-on-one instruction and immediate feedback. We conference daily in this class. This helps build the connections between student and teacher.

On a bigger scale, this helps foster a family atmosphere throughout the school.



The pottery class has been a great addition at Lincoln High School.

Students' creative talents really shine as they gain confidence.