



Jessica Johnson

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Jessica Johnson

SCHOOL: Wa-Hi & Lincoln HS

Position: Floral Design Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 2 years

Q. How is the Floral Design Class structured at Lincoln High School?

A. Last year, one section of Floral Design was offered and this year I teach two sections. I have between 12-16 students who meet daily. I love this class size because it allows me to have a chance to meet with students on a daily basis and get to know them well. This is the same course we teach at Wa-Hi.

Q. What are the students working on right now?

A. The students are working on landscape plans for their dream home. It is interesting to see their plans develop and they vary greatly from student-to-student. They are working on scale and utilizing their drawing skills to illustrate their ideas.

Q. Why was the Floral Design Class introduced to Lincoln?

A. This class is a good fit at Lincoln because it allows us to offer more electives. It also offers skills students can take directly to the work place. Students are able to express themselves creatively which is a big strength of many of our students.

Q. What skills do you want your students to develop in this class?

A. We follow the same pattern we have established at Wa-Hi. All the students know how to make boutonnieres and corsages. They know the shapes and color theory as it relates to design. At the end of the year the students will be responsible for preparing flowers for commencement. This was a big hit at last year's graduation ceremony.

In this class I also introduce students to horticulture. We have done several campus beautification projects through this class. The students really enjoy getting outside and working with their hands.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
JESSICA'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM JESSICA.

I am fortunate to be here because we have such a small staff. We are able to meet in a classroom and sit and talk about all the students. I also work closely with the art teacher. One of my favorite aspects of working at Lincoln is the close relationship we have as a staff.

I graduated from Walla Walla High School in 2003. I was very active in the FFA program. I went to WWCC and then earned my Bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho.



I taught in Idaho for one year and then had an opportunity to move back to Walla Walla. My husband Mike and I have five acres. We like to farm our own hay, rope and do outdoor activities.