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Art Class is here to stay!

Mr. Beach, our Art/English Teacher, is a welcomed new addition to Goodwill Education Center. He has a background/education in graphic arts which has made him uniquely qualified to teach and motivate our Goodwill students. This is a big change for our students that were previously required to take an online Art Appreciation course to complete their Fine Art credits. Mr. Beach’s experience in graphic arts, which is based on the use of line and tone rather than three-dimensional work or the use of color, fits within the confines of our Fine Arts budget at Goodwill. He welcomes and encourages all students and staff members to a showing of our students work.

Broadcasting Class

Mrs. Messer and her Broadcasting class produced their first finished project and presented it to the District at the last School Board meeting. The project created and edited by her students resulted in a standing ovation and recommendation that this broadcast be placed on the District Website. Congratulations to you and your students!
Tournament

A core group of students have been playing basketball during lunchtime. Daily these two teams provide exciting entertainment for all who watch. Staff members come out to support these endeavors and promote team sports here at Goodwill Education Center. We applaud Dean Carr for her perseverance in establishing this activity which has lead us to our 2017 Basketball Tournament. All tournament participants were treated to a pizza party to celebrate their participation and victory.
Ms. Lora’s Ambassadors

An Ambassador is someone who cares about others and who talks to their peers about their thoughts and feelings. An Ambassador is a sensitive listener who has been trained in communication skills to help other people discover their own questions and answers. Ambassadors are role models and they are involved in community service along with the community around campus. The activities that an Ambassador is involved and trained for are Blood Drives, Unity Forums, Field Trips, Presentations, Pennies for Patients, Group work, announcements, and sign-up activities. Lastly, an Ambassador is a student that you can count on to represent our school.

Student To New Staff & Jobe Interviews

1. Tell me how you first got involved in GEC?
   - Jobe – Transfer
   - Mr. Price – Teaching Opportunity
   - Ms. Blake - I was looking for teaching experience and I applied online.
   - Mr. Brolsma – I saw an opening for the Success program and knew this is right up my alley.

2. What has surprised you most about working GEC?
   - Jobe – Close working relationship with Staff
   - Mr. Price – Low student enrollment
   - Ms. Blake – How students look out for and take care of each other
   - Mr. Brolsma - How supportive is our administration compared to other schools.

3. What do you find most challenging about GEC?
   - Jobe – Keeping busy
   - Mr. Price - Low student enrollment
   - Ms. Blake - Accessing how to best serve the needs of my students outside of academia.
   - Mr. Brolsma - When you feel like you cannot reach anyone no matter how you try.

4. What’s the best thing to happen since you started working at GEC?
   - Jobe – Awarded 3rd Quarter Classified Employee of the District
   - Mr. Price – I’ve seen changes in student lives
   - Ms. Blake - Building rapport with students on campus even if they are not my student.
   - Mr. Brolsma - We have many successes in our program, and it is always satisfying to see our students being able to go back to their high school. That and getting to beat Mr. Loyd in golf about three times a year.

5. What do you wish other people knew about GEC?
   - Jobe – Students are motivated and there are few behavioral issues on campus.
   - Mr. Price – Great Staff
   - Ms. Blake – That we have students with big hearts and when we show them respect they give respect in return. Also our students are unique and shouldn’t be feared.
   - Mr. Brolsma -How successful we are with students who need alternative education.

6. What might (someone) be surprised to know about you?
   - Jobe – I like cats.
   - Mr. Price – I love my job.
   - Ms. Blake – I graduated from UC Davis and took three years of Japanese as college courses.
   - Mr. Brolsma -This is my 21st year of teaching.
7. What do you think will change about GEC over the next five years?
   Jobe – Move to a larger campus
   Mr. Price – Students will be more engaged to learn
   Ms. Blake – Location. Lol. Increase in the use of technology
   Mr. Brolsma – More career-ROP oriented classes

8. What do you do for pleasure when you aren’t working?
   Jobe – Play video Games
   Mr. Price – Exercise and write
   Ms. Blake – I spend time with my daughter and fiancé. We like to hike, go to the movies, skate, and ride bikes.
   Mr. Brolsma – I like to read and play golf.