

Dear Orca Community,

It is with mixed emotions that I wish to inform you that I have accepted a teaching job at Genesee Hill Elementary School. It is heart breaking to be stepping out of my role at Orca K-8 as one of the teachers who gets to interact with almost every student at the school. One of the best rewards of my time at Orca was the opportunity to build so many relationships with students, parents and my colleagues. Conversely, one of the most challenging parts about my position at Orca is that I am responsible for meeting the needs of each individual learner at the school. As a new teacher, and the only one in my department, this is an overwhelming task.

I will be focusing next school year on working in collaboration with an excellent physical educator in order to further my skills as a teacher. I will be focusing on creating quality, standards-based lessons that are applicable in the real world. I will be reviewing and revising everything I know about Physical Education to make sure that I am delivering quality instruction and promoting life time healthy habits.

Thank you all for the experience, help, and support. My time at Orca has reaffirmed my decision to help our young people achieve their full potential and become stewards of a healthy community and environment. I will always carry the memories we have shared and our commitment to the "Orca Way".

Sincerely,

Shawn Cudney