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Rochester Middle School
8th grade U.S. History/Language Arts

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for four years. I began teaching in North Carolina and recently moved to Washington with my husband and two daughters. My husband is military and currently stationed at JBLM. This is my first year at Rochester Middle School and I absolutely love it!

What is your favorite part of teaching?

My favorite part of teaching is when the kids get really involved and interested during a lesson. They begin asking lots of questions, because they want to know more. Those 'aha' moments are priceless for me as an educator.

What hobbies or interests do you enjoy outside of the classroom?

I love spending time with my amazing husband and my beautiful girls. I enjoy running and taking family trips to Disneyland. I also consider myself a life-long learner. I believe learning inside and outside of the classroom are some of the most important components in life.

When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was little I wanted to be a marine biologist and find a cure for the red tide algae that was killing manatees off the coast of Florida. That was where I grew up, and it was really important to me.

What made you decide to become a teacher?

I decided to become a teacher because I thought, "What better way to make a difference in the world than to teach?"

Do you have a mantra or quote you are always telling your students?

I have a mantra that I try to live by and I share with my students: "Make It Count." I have a banner hanging in my classroom to remind each of us to make it count no matter what we are doing. I owe this quote to my dad who began saying it when he was fighting lung cancer. He lost his battle, but the mantra lives on in me and my family.

What is a favorite teaching memory?

My favorite teaching memory was when I dressed up as Queen Elizabeth I in order to send my students off to the Lost Colony of Roanoke to properly begin their 8th grade year of U.S. History.



Is there anything else you would like to add?

I could not teach and have fun in my classroom without the support of my incredible paraeducators: Miss Zinza, Mrs. McFadden and Mrs. Nix. They are my partners in the classroom and do so much for our students. I am so fortunate to work with an incredible team and staff at Rochester Middle. They are the best!

Send in nominations for your favorite teacher, student, class or coach.

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Name of parent & phone #: _____

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