



Wolftrap Elementary School

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

1903 Beulah Road
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Eric Triche on the fourth grade team at Wolftrap Elementary School for the past three years. He is currently the team leader for fourth grade, the student council teacher sponsor, our school's science lead teacher, and a member of the school plan committee. Eric's dedication, collaboration, professionalism, and passion for teaching make him an excellent candidate for any teaching job.

Eric is extremely enthusiastic about the fourth grade curriculum and is constantly searching for ways to make it more stimulating for the students. While many veteran teachers might settle into a routine from one year to the next, Eric does just the opposite. Even though he has accumulated many resources over the years, he prefers to design entirely new lessons, activities, and assessments each year to best match his current students' needs. He spends much of his free time creating these unique activities.

Eric also extends his teaching outside the classroom. He teaches after-school clubs on debate and movie-making, he runs the student council as the teacher sponsor, he helped start a student-run recycling program, and he even attends his students' sporting events and recitals. In addition, Eric arranges for his students to have pen pals from both Indiana and Cameroon.

Eric believes in the importance of teachers collaborating to maximize student learning. During our Professional Learning Community team-planning time, Eric thoughtfully guides our team in designing a curriculum that both exceeds the state requirements and fosters students' individual growth. He is always willing to take suggestions from others regarding team decisions, and he is also open and honest when giving constructive feedback to us. In addition to leading PLC meetings, he sends frequent email updates to our team, stops by our classrooms a few times each day to check in, and always shares new lessons or assessments he has created.

As I mentioned previously, Eric is an incredibly innovative teacher. His creative teaching methods never hinder his ability to remain organized or stay on pace with the curriculum. I am always impressed by his ability to expose his students to many hands-on activities while maintaining a cohesive classroom environment. Simply put, Eric is an excellent teacher because he maintains his professionalism in every situation. He sets a high standard for himself, for his students, and for his teammates; and our team is successful because of his dedication. I am very fortunate to work with Eric, and I know he will be a valuable asset to any team he works with in the future.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Simon".

Emily Simon
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