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# Chalk Talk

## TEF - Ringing the Bell for Guest Teachers

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Every day, somewhere in the school district a teacher needs help. A teacher has become ill, has to be away at training or a special event, etc. What do they do? Well, the guest teacher program jumps into action.

Parents and principals want a highly qualified substitute teacher in that classroom making sure everything continues to go well. Enter – the Guest Teacher - well trained individuals with a liking for kids and the determination to help and be a meaningful teacher.

Within the TCSD there are approximately 200 guest teachers whose purpose it is to on short notice take action and step into the classroom.

Being a guest teacher is no easy task and it requires an individual with a special personality. That's why TEF is ringing our educational bell for these unsung heroes.

Most enjoy the flexibility of the job and love students. Guest teaching is a great way



Guest teacher, Jessica Duersch teaches a class of enthusiastic students.

to learn about various schools, how teachers do things and meet principals and staff. Some even want to test the water and see if they might want to become a full time teacher.

The Tooele School District is fortunate to have a wonderful group of guest teachers who are committed, resourceful and patient. Sometimes they are called and asked to drop their personal plans at the last minute in order to step into a formidable classroom.

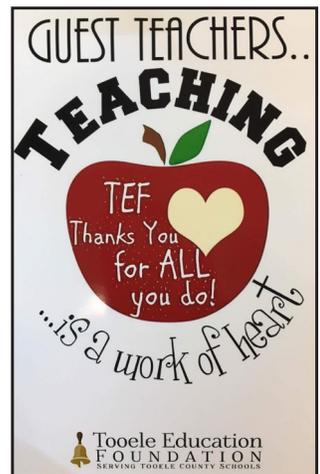
Guest teachers are well trained. About thirty per cent work 4-5 days a week and have more than 3 years of experience. Some guest teachers have been with the school district for over 8 years. They make a meaningful difference in the life of a child and many students recognize them as they build healthy relationships over time.

TCSD guest teachers do their magic under the

direction of Ms. Dawn Alys Capito – district guest teacher coordinator. We'd like to express our thanks and appreciation for her leadership and commitment to this outstanding effort. Recently TEF provided a gift of appreciation to guest teachers as they begin another great school year.



Wendy Beacham presenting a gift of appreciation to one of the talented guest teachers.



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