



# Mount Boucherie Secondary School

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Evaluation and Reference for Jennifer Rempel, PSIII Intern , Fall 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

Jennifer Rempel was our student intern from September '13 to December '13 here at Mount Boucherie Secondary in West Kelowna, British Columbia. For me she was responsible for Studio Art 12 course. She also created an Analog Photography club and volunteered for a variety of school wide events. As well, Jen has been a lead planner for the School District 23/Canadian Student Leadership "Hope" sculpture project. This is a once in a life time nation-wide sculpture/art student leadership project.

To succeed as a teacher and as an artist you must always evaluate where you are at and where you need to go. You cannot be satisfied with where you are no matter how well things are going. Progressing forward in a positive manner is the key to survival and growth in any aspect of life. One of Jen's greatest assets is her innate ability to evaluate how she is doing and always seeks ways to do better. In some reference letters this could be code for the intern needed to do better, this is not the case with Jen. Her teaching is excellent, but what impressed me with Jen is she always seeks ways to do better and takes instruction from the sources around her with such grace and purpose. In the athletic world when we refer to players with this approach as having "coachability".

Jen's initial planning showed forethought, thoroughness and creativity. Her individual unit and lesson plans maintained the purposeful thread set out in the overall planning and were at the appropriate interest and skill level for her classes. Her delivery of both concepts and techniques were engaging and purposeful. When teachable moments arrived she incorporated them into the lesson seamlessly. She showed a level of confidence both in demonstrations and one to one with students that is well beyond her years. Jen's classroom management of student progress was direct and effective. She was able to deal with a wide variety of learning styles and push each student successfully to meet their potential in every situation. Jen's evaluation of student achievement was very professional and always led to better student success and understanding of their efforts. When concerns around student behavior arose she worked with the situation in a very professional and very caring manner, always the best interest of the student first.

I have greatly appreciated having Jen as part of our program. I have seen her as a colleague rather than an intern. What truly sets her apart is her quiet confidence that both inspires and encourages those around her. I have no hesitation in recommending her for any position in the future as she has proven herself to be a very skilled and caring educator. Between her knowledge of the subject matter and her connection with kids makes her one of the best interns I have ever had.

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We will do all that we can to educate and support our students in realizing their unique and full potential, and in living purposeful lives.