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"...but, teach them how to fish, and they are set for a lifetime."

I currently teach technology at Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School. The courses I offer are: Multimedia, Microsoft Office Suite, Video Production and 8th Grade Professional Applications. I love coming to work everyday for two reasons. First, I am given the time to focus on designing and developing curriculums that will engage my students. Second, the students at RLS are angels. I have yet to meet a student who doesn't exude exuberance and an interest in learning. Their energy and excitement for life is contagious



History

I was born and raised in San Francisco and went to college in Berkeley. Shortly after graduating, a teaching opportunity was offered to me, and I took it. I have been teaching for twenty years since, ten of which have been here in St. Helena. Over the years, I have built homes, owned a backpacking company, owned a computer training company, and worked for a tech company. We moved to St. Helena following the birth of my first child, Lucy. Most of my family and friends still live in San Francisco.

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"My Life"

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A summary of all the enjoyable aspects of my life...Enjoy!



The Harrington Family...

I am very fortunate for the family and friends I am surrounded by. I met wife Elle teaching. She is from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, mainly agriculture. Elle has the biggest heart of any person I know...I also think she is beautiful.

My eldest daughter Lucy is ten and in 5th grade. She has her mother's brainpower and beauty. Lucy is very focused and achieves what she sets her mind to. She likes a good challenge. Lucy excels in sports. This year she is playing soccer, basketball and baseball. She also enjoys singing and playing the guitar. Lucy also has a big heart and a very good big sister to her younger brother and sister.

Conlan is eight years old and in third grade. Conlan also performs wells academically. I enjoy tremendously watching him open a book and want to read. Conlan also plays sport. This year he participated in soccer, basketball and baseball. I think his passion may be with baseball though.

Anna is the princess of the family. She is always happy and is happiest when others are happy. She is very inclusive and very social. Anna is only five. She isn't fond of sports, but enjoys ballet and fashion – Anna changes her clothes at least ten times a day.

Zoe is our new dog. I was not raised with a dog, but my wife was and she and the kids overruled me. We now have a dog. It is half black labrador and half border collie. Zoe is very friendly and active. She is growing on me.

I am from a family of eight kids, and yes, only one mother and one father. Five girls and three boys. I am the eldest boy.

Hobbies...

Soccer

I currently play two nights a week. One of the evenings has been playing consistently for 7 years. Following play, everyone comes back to my home for a fire and social.

Biking

I have been addicted to biking since high school. It is where I am able to think up solutions to problems. I have been very fortunate to have befriended many dads in the area who bike. This has offered a very social dimension to my rides.

Running

I have always used it to stay in shape for soccer or other activities. Many years ago, I started running marathons, just to see if I could do it. I did and was successful. Now as I have gotten older, I have begun competing in marathons again, and am happy to say with good results and no injuries

Camping / Backpacking

I love being outside. I used to own and operate a backpacking company. Now it brings me so much joy to bring my kids on my adventures.