

My name is Ben Fitzpatrick. I have a Bachelors degree in Exercise Science and a Masters degree in Education. I moved to California in 1999 to teach in elementary education. After 6 years of teaching, I returned to college to obtain a Masters degree in Physical Therapy. Since 2008, I have worked part-time as a physical therapist while also teaching part-time in the Kinesiology department at a junior college and coaching cross country. I am excited to be returning to both Oregon and elementary education.

I married my amazing wife in October of 2018 and we are expecting our first child in February. I enjoy activity that involves the outdoors and movement. I have completed over 25 races of a marathon distance or greater, the longest being a 100 mile race in Colorado. I still enter a few trail running races each year and enjoy hiking and biking as well. Please let me know of your favorite trails in the area or any places to swim. I find an opportunity to jump in a river, lake, or ocean hard to resist.

My Classroom Philosophy:

My goal is to present a curriculum that is both rigorous and engaging. My classroom centers on respect. I expect students to respect themselves, other students, resources, and myself. I expect student to treat other with kindness and to maximize our time together and their unlimited potential. It is my job to focus the student's natural curiosity so that they can continue to question, learn and understand.



Why I choose to work in Christian Education:

After visiting Portland Adventist Elementary School and meeting Principal O'Neil and the other staff members I knew that this is where God was leading me. My wife and I are very excited to be part of an Adventist community and I truly embrace this opportunity to grow as a Christian and to spread God's word.