

About Me

My name is Ben Fitzpatrick. I have a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and a Master's degree in Education. I moved to California in 1999 to teach elementary education. After six years teaching, I returned to college to obtain a Master's degree in Physical Therapy. Since 2008, I have worked part-time as a physical therapist and taught part-time in the Kinesiology Department at a junior college and also coached cross country. I am excited to be returning to both Oregon and elementary education.

I married my amazing wife in October of 2017 and we are expecting our first child in February of 2019. I enjoy activities involving the outdoors and movement. I have completed over 25 races of marathon distance (26.2 miles) 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 your favorite trails or places to swim in the area. I find any 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 students to treat others with kindness and to maximize our time together and their unlimited potential. It's my job to focus on the student's natural curiosity so that they may continue to question, learn and understand.



Why I Choose to Work in Christian Education

When I visited Portland Adventist Elementary School and met Principal O'Neal and the other staff, I knew that this is where God was leading me. My wife and I are very happy to be part of an Adventist community and I truly embrace this opportunity to grow as a Christian and to spread God's word.