

My Name is Anthony Neely

I have been the Music Department Director at PAES since 1999. Before then, I worked in the South Asia-Pacific Division at Guam Adventist Academy teaching music and biology from 1994-1999. I am a member of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and hold both a state teacher license and denominational SDA teacher certification with endorsements in Biology, Religion, Mathematics, Classroom Music and Instructor of Music.

My wife, Jada, and I have been happily married since 1994 and have two great daughters. I enjoy biking, hunting, reading and fixing things around the house.

My Classroom Philosophy

I honor the investment parents are making in Christian education by putting forth my best efforts as an educator each day.

As a music teacher, I strive to create thinking musicians who are able to transcend the notes on a page and give life to compositions. Students who are able to fill an audience with emotion as they sing of Christ's love or cause the listeners to tap their feet to a rousing tune. Children are capable of so much more musically than many give them credit for. I believe with a lot of work and some fun mixed in along the way, kids can become fine musicians.

My former math students describe my Pre-Algebra class as fun, with high expectations and quality. My lessons are enriched with content from online sources and university level textbooks. While some of the concepts are beyond the scope of a traditional Pre-Algebra course, they provide greater insight into the material being studied and prepare students for more advanced mathematics. I am aware that math is a challenge for some children. Therefore, I present concepts in a clear, easy to understand and concise manner. I have taught math for many years and still get a thrill watching a struggling student become one that not only enjoys class, but thrives.



Why I Choose to Work in Christian Education

I am a strong believer in the value of Christian education. In addition to teaching subjects such as math and music, I also get to teach Biblical truth and Christian-based morals. During the school year, students spend more time with their teachers than they spend with their parents. Teachers play a significant role in how children see the world and act as guides as they grow and learn. Parents entrust teachers with their most precious possessions, their children. I pledge that every child who enters my classroom will feel welcomed, cared for, have a laugh or two and receive a quality education. As a parent myself, I believe it is important that children be taught by teachers who seek to reflect Christ to their students in both words and deeds each day. I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist educator. It is my honor to teach and nurture the children in my care each and every day.

