

To whom it may concern:

As a teaching couple with over 25 years combined experience, we are writing to express our interest in joining your team of educators. I, Matt LeGassick, have 12 years of experience in Middle School Science and Math, 2 years as an Assistant Principal and acted as the Head of the Science Department. Additionally, my wife Heidi, an early years teacher of 9 years with extensive experience in Reggio Emilia, early years literacy and special education support is also interested in joining the elementary team of educators. We are confident our qualifications and experience would meet your staff expectations and desire for excellence.

I am currently teaching middle school science in Balikpapan, Indonesia at Pasir Ridge International School. I have always been involved in middle school philosophy models highlighting staff collaboration and content integration with high academic expectations for all students. I act as a teacher leader supporting our staff in order to map out and align our science curriculum in connection with FOSS Kits for grades K-8. I value a learning environment where students are motivated to grow personally and academically both inside and outside of the classroom. In each of my previous schools I have developed programs that take students out of the classroom for day and extended overnight trips that encourage the “learning by doing” philosophy. Additionally, I pride myself on excellent student rapport, organization, strong work ethic and communication with students, staff and parents. Over the years, I have been actively involved in many extra curricular activities with both students and staff and look forward to participating in them in the future.

Heidi is an enthusiastic and dynamic addition to early learning classrooms. Her love of children and hands-on approach make each day an exciting adventure for both the children and herself. She creates a strong sense of community firmly grounded in communication, collaboration and mutual respect. She has been instrumental in aligning Pre-K standards and curriculum as well as designing and developing report cards that reflect this work. Heidi ensures the learning environment is safe, fun and thought provoking. Children are inspired as they transition from home-life to school, further supporting their independence, self-esteem and love of learning.

We have two happy and busy children, Bella and Parker, ages 8 and 10 respectively. Heidi and I have taught in Japan in 2000-2002, Bangkok from 2005-2010 and currently in Indonesia. Our family especially enjoys traveling, sunshine and adventurous people!

Please let us know if there is a good time for us to either arrange a meeting in person or on Skype. We can be reached at heidimatt@hotmail.com or our Skype name is heidimattpb.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Matt and Heidi LeGassick

