

*Faces of Education*

September 1, 2009

Cassidy Rockhill

Special Education Teacher, Self-Contained, Grandview Elementary School

Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Cassidy Rockhill. He is nominated by the MCCSC Special Education and Human Resources Departments. While not new to MCCSC, Cassidy joined the Grandview Elementary School staff this fall as a Special Education teacher. He leads a self-contained classroom under the guidance of his proud Principal Lily Albright.

On paper, Cassidy Rockhill is a first year, special education teacher at Grandview. In truth, he is a skilled special educator, who consistently honed his craft during his earliest years with MCCSC as a substitute teacher in 2002. He became a paraprofessional in 2004, in a special education classroom in at Highland Park. During this time, Cassidy completed his special education endorsement. He is very highly regarded by Principal Jan Williamson and the special education staff at HP. His background, skill and devotion as a paraeducator to students, who face struggles, made him an outstanding prospect for a teaching position, and it is our good fortune to call him one of MCCSC's newest, and homegrown, teachers. Above all, Cassidy is a genuinely great person, who has a wonderful sense of humor, and a love for music, so much so that he has a recording studio in basement.

"Having seen the excellent work Cassidy has done as a paraeducator, we are excited about the opportunities he will create for students as a teacher," both Special Education Director Kathleen Hugo and Special Education Assistant Director Jan McCullough said.

Grandview Principal Lily Albright added, "Cassidy has been a wonderful addition to our faculty. In his short time at Grandview, he has already established himself as a caring, conscientious, and competent teacher. We are all thrilled to have the opportunity to work alongside Cassidy as he continues to refine his already well-developed craft. It gives me great contentment knowing that some of our most delicate students are in his capable hands."

Cassidy Rockhill, your achievements as a substitute teacher and a paraprofessional have already made you an asset to the school corporation. We look forward to your growth and development as a classroom teacher. It is our pleasure to add your name to the list of Faces of Education honorees. Congratulations!

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*Faces of Education* is a feature of every regular Board of School Trustees Meeting. It is designed to recognize current MCCSC employees or volunteers, who have made a difference in our school community. Nomination forms can be found at each MCCSC site or on the web at [www.mccsc.edu](http://www.mccsc.edu).

