



## Teacher Profile - Rick Fawcett

### How long have you been teaching at Connect Charter School?

11 years.

### What is your favourite unit to teach?

The fundamental principles of democracy.

### What is your educational/professional background?

I have my BEd from the University of Calgary and a Masters from Framingham State in Massachusetts. I have been teaching for over 20 years, with half of that experience gained in overseas positions with schools in New Zealand, South Korea and Japan.

### What brought you to Connect?

My wife and I were teaching at an International School in Tokyo, Japan but wanted to start a family so we decided to head back to Calgary to put down some roots. Prior to leaving Japan, her mother forwarded a job listing she saw for Calgary Science School, so I had a telephone interview with Ron Sweet, Phil Butterfield and Darrell Lonsberry and they offered me a Humanities teaching position. The school now has a policy against conducting phone interviews (joke).

### What do you consider the best part of teaching at our school?

The energetic staff and the supportive administration.

### Tell us a bit about your family.

My wife and I both teach at Connect and consider the staff and students part of our extended family. We have one son, Sam who is our heart and soul.

### What do you like to do when you're not in the classroom?

I have an obsession with cars and keeping them clean. My garage is my sanctuary where I go to clear my head and find my inner chi.

### What is your most recent rewarding moment as a teacher?

When I get the chance to visit with former students and hear how great they are doing.

### Bonus Question!

#### What movie genre would you want to have a starring role in?

My middle name is "Bond" and that is no lie. So, I think that says it all.

