



Wilson Elementary School

Home of the Wildcats

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Chelsea McKinnon. Chelsea has served as our music and intervention teacher at Wilson Elementary. Ms. McKinnon also led an after school choir with 4th and 5th grade students. As her supervisor, I can attest to Ms. McKinnon's hard work, creativity, and strong desire for each student to show growth as a musician in addition to academic disciplines.

Wilson Elementary is a Title 1 school with a growing ELL program and inclusionary special education delivery. As a music specialist, Chelsea worked to integrate multi-modal experiences with singing, dancing, and creative movement to engage her students. In addition to music goals, Chelsea's instruction supported our literacy goals especially with oral language and rhythm development. At Wilson, we have a significant group of students navigating trauma, chronic stress, and other adverse childhood experiences. Chelsea has worked hard to incorporate engaging opportunities such as field trips and instruments such as recorders and ukuleles. Chelsea also features an artists of the day to broaden the musical horizons for our students.

I am also pleased to share that Chelsea utilized her concerts to connect with our school-wide goal for geography this year. Specifically her 5th grade program had an international theme with beautiful displays. Ms. McKinnon collaborated with grade level teachers to incorporate themes such as dinosaurs into her classes and programs. This emphasis on alignment has been very positive for our students.

Chelsea will add value as a music educator to a school fortunate to have her. Ms. McKinnon desires to see kids grow and will commit to the achievement of the organizational mission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at (541) 757-5987 or eric.beasley@corvallis.k12.or.us.

Respectfully Submitted,

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