

TEACHER INTERVIEW

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CHRIS TAYLOR (MR. TAYLOR)



WHO IS HE?

- Mr. Taylor was my Integrated Arts teacher (super duper special arts program that I was in for 1st semester of Grade 12 at Innisdale Secondary School in Barrie, ON



WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS DID I ASK?



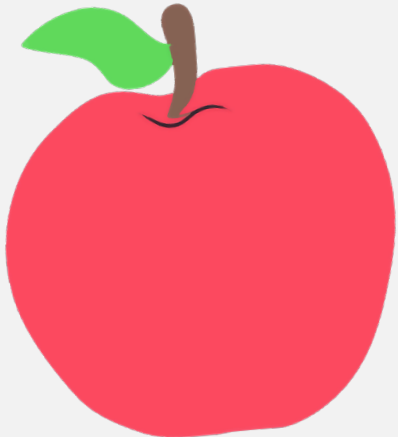
“WHAT MADE YOU GO INTO TEACHING?”

- **T: “Honestly... my wife was going into teachers college and I decided that it would be a good idea”**
- **A: “So, following love?”**
- **T: “Sure!!”**



TELL ME YOUR THOUGHTS OF THE TEACHING CAREER, PRIOR TO BECOMING A TEACHER

- **T: “Who the frick would want to become a teacher?! I mean really!! With that said, I did have three very memorable teachers, but I didn't go into teaching because of them”**
- **A: “So..You just did it?”**
- **T: “.....Yeah.”**



TELL ME ABOUT YOUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY?

- **T: “Seriously, treat the kids the way you want to be treated back. Don’t make it too serious, have fun and be real.”**



IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY IN YOUR CLASSROOM?

- **T: "Be themselves.....That's a pretty lame answer."**

**BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF.**

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY

- **T: “To be honest with you I don’t really have any “discipline issues”.... People have good days and bad days.. Students are people.”**



DO YOU NOTICE ANY FLAWS OR FAULTS
WITHIN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM?

- **T: “A lot of paperwork....a lot of rules. Curriculum needs to evolve, it needs to change... although, it is all about how you interpret the curriculum... the curriculum is open to interpretations.”**



HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH INVISIBLE STUDENTS?

- **T: “Everybody’s got a reason for something”**



ANY LAST WORDS?

- **T: “Have fun, life’s too short... pass Ayrika,
She was a good one!”**



Interview Video

