

Lisa Hixon

My name is Lisa Hixon, and I am excited to have the opportunity to make a difference here in my community! I look forward to the opportunity to teach mathematics at Creek Valley School in Chappell, Nebraska.

Background:

I am originally from Lincoln, Nebraska. I have three kids; 24, 14, and 4 years old. I am married to Brandon Hixon, who is from Chappell, Nebraska. We have lived in the Chappell area now for about 14 years. I worked in banking and mortgage lending until I became a homemaker when my son was born. During my time as a homemaker, I decided to get my teaching degree.

About one year after moving out here I experienced that the Chappell and surrounding communities were of great support for my family back when my son was in the Denver ICU in critical condition. It was through that experience, that I learned the value of good communities - that which I did not experience growing up in a large city. From that experience, it has been a goal of mine to find opportunities to give back to the community and help those in need.

One of those opportunities came when we were asked to take in a newborn baby girl through the Foster Care system. Our youngest daughter, 4 years old, has been a great joy and addition to our family. We were finally able to adopt her last year and with great gratitude make her a permanent part of our family.

Education:

I received my Bachelors in Education degree for 7-12th grade mathematics from Grand Canyon University back in 2013. I then began my teaching career at South Platte School in Big Springs, Nebraska. While teaching there I continued my education to get my Masters Degree of Science with mathematics emphasis from the University of Nebraska - Kearney. During my time teaching there I sponsored Student Council and National Honors Society.

Achievements:

I personally feel that my biggest achievement is accomplishing, not only my bachelor's degree, but my masters degree also, all while being a parent, teacher, bookkeeper for my husband's business, and a homemaker. I would also like to add that I am proud that we were able to take in, love, and care for and, after about 3 ½ years, adopt our precious daughter. These two achievements and experiences make me appreciative of opportunities that have been available to me in my life. I am hoping that with them, I can make a difference for others! I personally feel that the best achievements are those that make a difference for someone else!

Goals & Aspirations:

Considering that I have lived in this community for about 14 years and used to be an owner of Buffalo Creek Coffee, I still feel that I do not know many people within the community. My goal is to get to know the community members and make a difference right here in Chappell. Kids are not only the "future", but they are the "now." I am looking forward to teaching them, helping

them grow, guiding them, taking them to their next level of mathematics knowledge and understanding, as well as building positive relationships with them and their parents.

I aspire to make a difference in, not only the minds, but the hearts of students. I want them to believe in themselves and find confidence in themselves - enough to make positive advancements in their lives, the lives of those around them, our community, and our society.