

Peshtigo student teachers enjoy their work

PESHTIGO—The Peshtigo School District hosted two student teachers this fall, Trevor Bloch and Brittany Daigneault.

“I’ve always known I wanted to pursue a career in helping people,” Daigneault said. “The closer I get to becoming a teacher, the more confident I feel I chose the right career.”

Daigneault has been a student teacher with teacher Jodi VanVooren in a fourth-grade classroom. Bloch has worked in a third-grade classroom with teacher Ronda Madsen and is now in a fourth-grade classroom with teacher Julie Nelson.

“Besides her regular job, my mother often cared for other children after school and during the summer,” Bloch said. “I began to enjoy teaching these kids new games or activities and taking them places.” He shared that he especially loved sharing his passion for baseball, basketball and bowling.

“I later realized that I found the same joy in sharing my passion for math and science, my two favorite subject areas in school,” he said.

Both student teachers have learned a great deal this semester.

“Student teaching has gone better than expected,” said Bloch. “My job is not simply to make students learn, but to support curiosity and make students want to learn.”

Daigneault also finds the role deeply satisfying. “I feel very proud about what I do each day. My days go very quickly because I have so much fun teaching. I



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Peshtigo student teacher Trevor Bloch uses maps to help fourth-grade students identify state capitals and landforms.

am impressed with the kindness of the Peshtigo students and support of the families.”

Daigneault said she loves the extra learning opportunities offered to her students. “There are STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) rooms, traveling hydroponic food growing systems, 3D printers, robot building, and even presentations by NASA astronauts. These extra resources make learning a lot more fun.”

Student teaching is the final part of the process to earn a teaching certificate.

Bloch is also grateful for the

support of the teachers, students and parents. “Thank you for allowing me to share these learning experiences with your children. As much as I taught them, they taught me just as much, if not more.”

“All of our students and staff benefit from working with preservice teachers,” adds Peshtigo Elementary Learning Center principal Kate Willett. “It’s great to see young people, such as Trevor Bloch and Brittany Daigneault, entering the classroom with such compassion and enthusiasm!”

“Teaching is a fantastic family centered profession. We’re seeing a teacher shortage; the number of applicants is less than half of what they used to be a few years ago,” stated Peshtigo High School principal Chad Sodini. There is a shortage of teachers and Sodini hopes to see more enter the profession and encourages those interested in becoming teachers to reach out to the district.

This article was submitted by the Peshtigo School District.



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Peshtigo student teacher Brittany Daigneault helps fourth-grade students Caleb Lancaster and Kevin Prado design and operate a robot.

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