

November Staff Spotlight



Jumping right into the tea, when asked if he knew he was going to be a teacher or if he had another career in mind, Mr. England says he knew he wanted to take on art education since his senior year of high school. On the other hand, with a sculpting degree and experience in construction, England says he would have a career in the creative field if not a teacher. When asked what his favorite part about being a teacher is, England responded with “Facilitating the creative process. To watch students create and help them achieve that goal.”

Now, getting to the good part. During the interview, Mr. England stated that he is a vegetarian and has therefore only eaten one school lunch: the walking taco with corn instead of meat. “It was disgusting.” In other words, his favorite “school lunch” is ordering Chubby’s Pizza and having it delivered. The philosophy of education he follows for an art class is, “Student driven is the best process.” He believes that students should be self-directed and that there should not be one right answer in art. They should create things based on a unique association with the project. Outside of school, Mr. England loves to cook international foods! He says that cooking is very similar to making art and that is why he enjoys it. Food is not the only international element that peaks his interest, England says he also enjoys listening to international music!

Mr. England’s journey began after graduating with his master’s degree in Art education from U.C. College. He then taught for four years at a year round, non-profit Arts organization. England always wanted to teach high school, so not only did this influence his decision, but also the fact that he grew up in a school like Blanchester which caught his interest in the job opening. Though he lives far away, he said that working at Blanchester is “well worth the commute”.



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