



December 12, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with pleasure that I can recommend Ms. Danielle Schnell for any art position that may be available at your educational institution. Danielle arrived at the American School Foundation of Guadalajara, Mexico, in August 2008. During the last four years she has been our elementary art teacher (grades pre-first through forth) teaching approximately 540 students on a six day rotating schedule.

During her tenure at the American School she has worked on aligning the art curriculum school-wide, assisted in creating props for a drama production, integrated art projects into the fourth grade Folklorama production as well as actively participating in our annual city-wide Art Fest by organizing and presenting student art each year.

She develops lessons which are aligned with student performance and her classroom organization assists students in becoming independent learners.

Danielle has contributed positively to the elementary art program throughout the past four years. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information or clarification you might need concerning Danielle.

Respectfully,

Ms. Janet Heinze
General Director

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION OF GUADALAJARA, A.C.

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December 5, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to recommend that you consider hiring Ms. Danielle Schnell for any Art teaching position that you might have available.

Ms. Schnell has been our Elementary Art teacher, here at the American School Foundation of Guadalajara, A.C., for the past four years, from August 2008 to the present. Ms. Schnell has done a wonderful job of teaching art to our 540 Elementary students. Over a six day period Ms. Schnell works with 25 groups of students ranging from Pre-first through fourth grade. The vast majority of our students are second language learners and she is good about trying to make sure that all students understand her lessons by providing a lot of concrete examples and hands-on instruction. She not only has very good time on task and classroom management, she is also able to motivate students to produce phenomenal artwork. The colorful bulletin board displays outside of her art room are always proof of the quality work that she does with the children.

Ms. Schnell was an active and involved staff member since the first day she arrived at our school. Within a very short time she checked in with her colleagues to see how she might integrate their classroom projects into her art program. She worked closely with the fourth grade teachers and students on their annual project where they research a variety of countries around the world and then put on a huge exposition and show involving ten different countries. She has been very supportive of the project throughout the years. Ms. Schnell has also been a very dedicated and hardworking member of our annual Art Fest committee. Our school's Art Fest is one of the finest in the city. It is an event with 45-50 well known, professional artists in attendance. The goal of the Art Fest is to promote Art and Culture among our students and school community. Ms. Schnell always put in a lot of extra hours preparing students' artwork to be exposed and sold at the annual events. Over the past four years Ms. Schnell has also worked hard at fine tuning the elementary art program curriculum. Completing this huge task took a lot of collaboration with the Middle and High School art teachers and Ms. Schnell was always up for the challenge.

I believe that you would be fortunate to have Ms. Schnell as a teacher at your school and I hope that you will consider giving her the opportunity to work with you.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information about Ms. Schnell and her teaching here at our school.

Respectfully,

Dawn Lussier
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December 9, 2004

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Ms. Danielle Schnell has asked me to write a letter of recommendation and I am pleased to do so. Ms. Schnell has been an elementary art teacher at International School Bangkok for the two years. ISB Elementary serves kindergarten through grade five, approximately 670 enrollment, using a North American education model. ISB is fully accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and offers a college preparatory course of study to 1,800 students from over fifty countries.

Ms. Schnell works with one other art teacher in providing an art program for kindergarten through fifth grade students. Her direct responsibilities include providing art instruction to grades one, three and five. The ISB art curriculum uses the National Standards for Art and provides a variety of learning experiences, covering instruction in the basic elements (color, line, space, etc.) as well as projects utilizing various media and tools, which are integrated into cross curricular art projects that align with grade level curriculum units. She worked extensively with 3rd grade teachers to plan a computer design project for the Market Place Unit and also created challenging and age-appropriate art activities to compliment the grade-level curriculum as follows: Self-Portraits (1st grade- "All About Me"), Abstract Maps & Rainforest Habitats (3rd Grade), Line Designs (5th Grade- Measuring Unit).

In addition to her classroom teaching responsibilities she also found time to continue her own professional learning and make contributions to the school as follows:

- ◆ Used Master's course learnings from "Examining Student Work" to restructure art critique process for grades 3 & 5, and worked with a team of colleagues to further refine the process
- ◆ Organized and set-up displays for **ES Art Show**- with all students displaying at least one piece in the show. (340+ students.)
- ◆ Set up a website on the ISB website- photos, bio, newsletter, and displays.
- ◆ Learned new skills for differentiating instruction through inservice, team meetings and observations. Successfully implemented these skills by completing differentiation project goal involving drawing skills for grade 5 and grade 2 students.
- ◆ Continually displayed student art work outside of classroom, in library and office
- ◆ Currently- on team to rewrite art curriculum, attending Master's courses through SUNY Buffalo State
- ◆ Taught a grade 1 grade animation lesson wherein students created a character and a background and then taped animation sequences
- ◆ Had students' work featured at various community functions- UN Workshop in Bangkok, Staff Luncheon, Strings concert, 5th grade Musical Program Bulletin.
- ◆ Learned to speak conversational Thai and resided outside school housing in a Thai neighborhood
- ◆ Created orientation handouts for incoming New Teachers as part of a Progressive Dinner activity.

In summary, I would recommend Ms. Schnell for any teaching position for which she is qualified and may apply. She made a strong contribution here at ISB and I wish her the best as she seeks another international school experience. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick T. O'Brien'.

Patrick T. O'Brien
Co-Principal Elementary
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To Whom It May Concern,

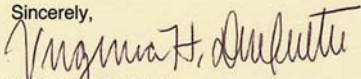
Over the past 5 years, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Danielle Schnell as both the Art Department Chair and as her colleague at Pleasant Run Middle School. In addition to our regular teaching duties, I have also worked collaboratively with her on a research team for the University of Cincinnati and the Association for the Advancement of Arts Integration. Since coming to the middle school, Danielle has taught a wide variety of classes ranging from 6th & 7th Grade Art to Animation & 8th Grade Honors Art Seminar. Having coming from an elementary school within our district, Danielle has shown that she is both an effective instructor and a positive role model for multiple age levels and diverse backgrounds.

Within the classroom, Danielle consistently offers a solid curriculum that challenges her students both artistically and academically. Her sense of humor, along with her control of the classroom, creates an environment which fosters learning. Over the years at the middle school, Danielle has fine-tuned her classroom management skills.

Danielle's extensive background with computers and graphic design has also been a great asset to the art department at Pleasant Run Middle School. Three years ago, Danielle codeveloped a Technology Proposal which resulted in computer pods being awarded to all 3 of the art rooms. Additionally, she strives to develop new lessons to incorporate technology and statewide proficiency objectives.

I strongly recommend Danielle Schnell for any teaching position that she may be pursuing. You may direct any questions to the above address and phone number. I would be happy to be of further assistance in your review of Ms. Schnell as a potential candidate for filling your school's need.

Sincerely,



Virginia H. DuQuette



December 9, 2004

To whom it may concern:

Danielle Schnell has been an elementary art teacher at International School Bangkok (ISB) since August last year. I have visited Danielle's classroom on a number of occasions. I also know of her capabilities from talking to students, parents and administrators.

Her colleagues and her principal respect Danielle. Students enjoy their time with her and her classroom has a pleasant, friendly tone. She is an innovator who designs lessons and projects that have not been seen at ISB before. Her students enjoy her classes and find the work demanding but interesting and motivating.

I see Danielle as an active learner herself, wanting to expand her professional repertoire and gain the knowledge and skills that will improve her students' learning. For example, this year she is participating in a year long professional development program that is a joint effort of the New York State University, Buffalo and ISB.

Students from many nations learn in Danielle's classes. For more than 60 percent of them, English is a second language. Danielle has become quite skilled in working with this diversity and in adjusting her teaching to the needs of ESL students.

In summary, Danielle is a good teacher. She loves art. She love teaching art to her students. She loves the diversity and challenges of international education. If you would like more details and information, please feel free to contact me at email billg@isb.ac.th or on my cell phone at 66-1-845-7397.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill Gerritz', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark.

Dr. William Gerritz
Head of School