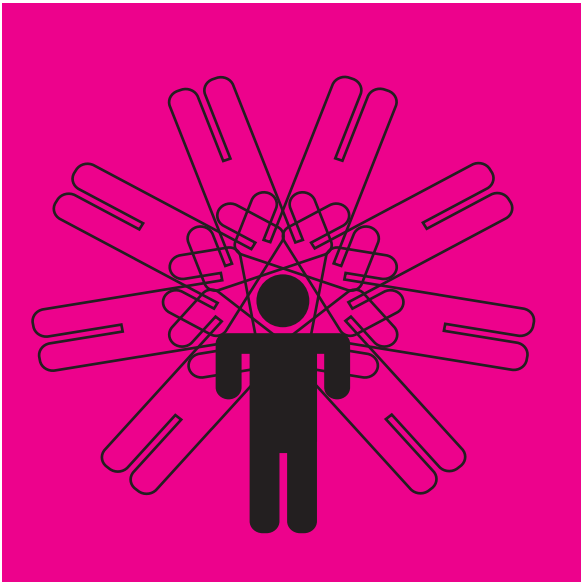


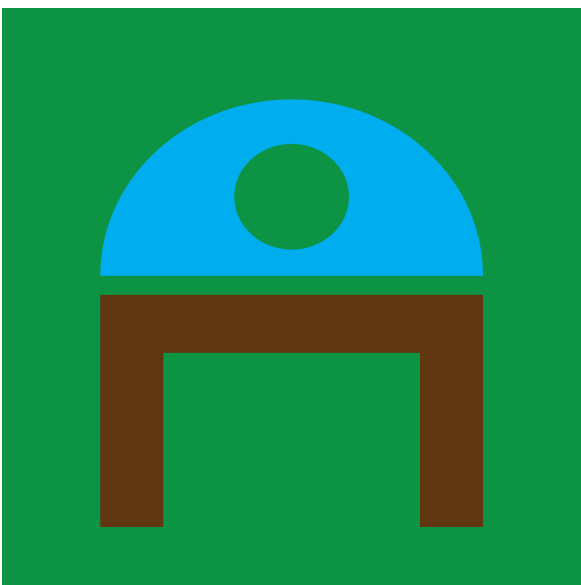
## TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

My teaching Philosophy is based on my experience as a: grandson of teachers, student, husband of a teacher, friend of teachers, father & teaching assistant. It is with these connections that have formed my philosophy on teaching. This philosophy is a living document that will change with my gained experience in teaching, encounters with colleagues and with students. My teaching philosophy focuses on; Collaboration, Classroom Community, Technology Education and Inquiry.



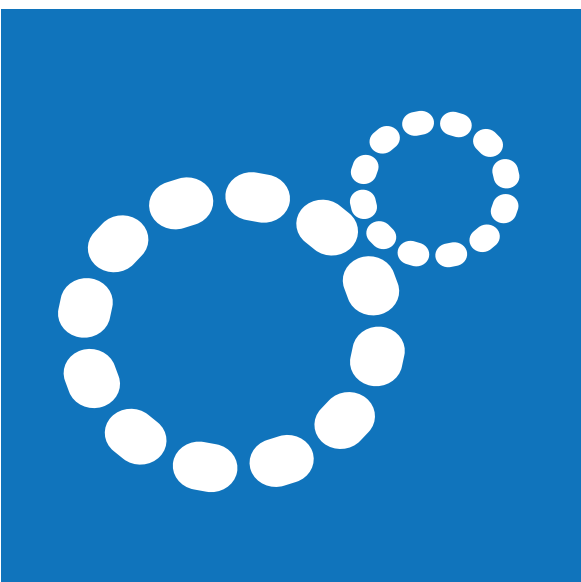
## COLLABORATION

I believe in collaboration (*the action of working with someone to produce or create something*). This not only applies to my students learning but in my own practice as an educator. Given the chance to share ideas, skills, knowledge and life experiences allows us to build on our skill sets and knowledge. It allows problems and tasks to be solved in ways that can be beneficial for all. We will collaborate through critique of our work, presentation of ideas and projects, combining our own personal skills and ideas in group projects and discussions.



## CLASSROOM COMMUNITY

When you walk into our classroom I want you to feel as if you belong and are a valued member of our learning community. This involves a shared sense of space, where everyone is not only working for the benefit of themselves but for their class as a whole. We will create this space through collaboration, building shop culture (care for machines, materials & tools), personal experiences (cultural, gender & physical) and allowing a space to learn from mistakes. This will allow every person to shine and feel that they belong.



## TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

As a facilitator of Technology Education it is my goal to keep up to date on current; technology, skills, approaches and environmental views. I will follow the design process model of (*Identify problems, Identify Criteria, Brainstorm, Generate Ideas, Explore Possibilities, Select an Approach, Prototype & Refine*). I will be a technology leader within my school by exploring and introducing new apps, programs and ideas into my lessons and sharing these advancements with my students as well as my school community. I will not only explore the positive aspects of technology, but will bring attention to the negative impact that technology has brought to society.



## INQUIRY

I believe that as a teacher it is important to be a life long learner. I will ask myself questions that challenge my teaching practices to make sure that I am doing what is best for my students. I will do this through professional development, collaboration, seminars and by engaging with my students about my teaching. I will also ask my students to engage in their own inquiries in regards to their education. This will allow students to take charge of their learning and personal philosophies in regards to their education.