



MULGRAVE SCHOOL

Thursday May 9th, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Mahla Shapiro has been a student teacher in our Art Room for over two weeks. She has been a part of a two-teacher team across our middle school and senior school art classes. Mahla has been responsible for assisting teaching Gr.7-11 Visual Arts classes, leading lessons, giving presentations on her art school and professional art experience, chaperoning and helping organize a senior art trip, and helping with art displays around the school.

Mahla developed a wonderful relationship with students in a short time and helped to create a comfortable and safe learning environment while encouraging creativity and risk-taking. Her lesson in *Art of Today* was very engaging for students and creating great opportunities for success for all learning abilities. Mahla also gave a wonderful presentation of her own artwork to students in Grade 11, sharing her experience in art residency and exchange programs and inspiring students to work in new ways. Mahla was also very helpful coordinating a tour of the Emily Carr printmaking department as part of our fieldtrip there, enhancing the students experience greatly.

Mahla possesses a positive and enthusiastic personality. She has a great rapport with the students she has worked with. She is articulate, and always ready with a smile and a kind word. I have found that other team members have accepted her as a strong working member of our team and she has had a positive working relationship with each one of them, as well as with other staff members.

I am confident that Mahla will be an asset to any staff that she works with. She is confident, knowledgeable, and has the skills of a seasoned teacher. I believe that she will continue to grow and become even more effective as a teacher with further opportunities. Please feel free to contact me for more information at challam@mulgrave.com or cabisan@yahoo.ca.

Sincerely,

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