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Celebrating Our Mentors

Mr. Wayne



Welcome Back, Mr. Wayne!

Mr. Wayne began working with SpiderSmart and Academic Pathways in 2017, and taught all ages with us for over a year. With his quick wit, charisma, and warm manner, he was immediately adored by parents and children alike.

Mr. Wayne's editing acumen is only surpassed by his magnetic personality! Come on Wednesdays and Saturdays to meet and learn from our beloved Mr. Wayne! He is looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

With a dual background in operations management and education, Mr. Wayne's experience allows him to seamlessly transition between administration and instruction.

Mr. Wayne will be rejoining us in this two-fold capacity as a much-missed, long-time teacher AND as co-director of operations. All the kids and his colleagues are SO delighted to have him back!

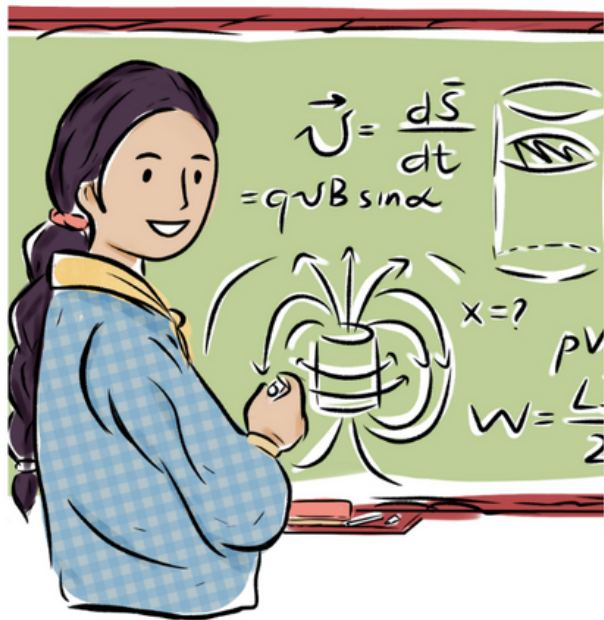
When he's not helping to nurture our families and assist Miss Mary with operations, Mr. Wayne enjoys spending time with his wife and five children, as well as reading, and traveling.

In his words, "Life-long learning fulfills ambition. Application of knowledge produces invaluable experience. Teaching and sharing sustains the self, as well as others."

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Science Journal Encourages Kids and Scientists to Team Up

The publication *Frontiers for Young Minds* is doing something special: bringing students to the forefront of new research and discoveries in the STEM fields! Their online publication is bursting with resources that speak to young people, because they had a hand in shaping them. In their own words:



"Frontiers for Young Minds believes that the best way to make cutting-edge science discoveries available to younger audiences is to enable young people and scientists to work together to create articles that are both accurate and exciting.

That is why distinguished scientists are invited to write about their cutting-edge discoveries in a language that is accessible for young readers, and it is then up to the kids themselves – with the help of a science mentor – to provide feedback and explain to the authors how to best improve the articles before publication.

As a result, *Frontiers for Young Minds* provides a collection of freely available scientific articles by distinguished scientists that are shaped for younger audiences by the input of their own young peers."

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Mentorship in Writing, Science & Beyond

To participate, **all young reviewers are required to pair with a science mentor** with experience in science outreach and/or the peer review process. (The publication also offers suggestions and support for finding a mentor to collaborate with!) Some of the topics covered by the journal include human health, biodiversity, astronomy and physics, mathematics, neuroscience and psychology, chemistry and materials, and Earth and its resources.



Kids between the ages of 8-15 can get involved via their website:
<https://kids.frontiersin.org>. In addition to their unique approach to publications in STEM, Frontiers for Young Minds is also an excellent resource for young people (or those young at heart!) interested in learning about exciting developments in the fields of Science.