

For some time I have wanted to write a letter to the Parkrose School District with regard to the outstanding Water Polo Team that represents the Parkrose Community. My wife and I have lived in the Parkrose District for 37 years. Our children, now grown, were students in the Parkrose Schools from first grade (Prescott Elementary) through high school at Parkrose High School. We have been involved as a family in numerous athletic and cultural endeavors with the district through the years. We appreciate all the District has done to educate children.

Now the purpose of this letter...

Over the years I have been involved with athletics. I played a variety of sports in high school. My coaches were men who postured a good attitude and modeled good sportsmanship. I have also seen coaches, in a variety of situations, who were very poor sports. They yelled and argued with officials, and did not present an image indicative of appropriate sportsmanship.

I want to convey to the District that we are very fortunate to have Gary Muzzy as our Water Polo Coach at Parkrose. Gary is a marvelous young man with marvelous abilities. He works with the kids and trains them, not only with swimming techniques and Water Polo Skills, but he provides a very defined control when coaching students.

My wife and I are regular attendees at Water Polo Games, both at Parkrose and other schools where the athletes travel to play. We are always proud to be a part of the program, (as attendees) because we know that Gary will always be appropriate as he coaches the teams. Our granddaughter plays on the Parkrose Water Polo team. The example that Gary Muzzy presents to the kids is stellar.

Recently, we were at a tournament and the officials made a call against one of the teams. The demeanor of the visiting coach was totally inappropriate. I realize that there is a lot of tension, but it is important for adult coaches to posture good sportsmanship.

Gary Muzzy is one of those men who maintains control of his emotions and coaches with a great attitude. Parkrose School District needs to commend Gary for his outstanding attitude and performance with the kids.

I am proud to be a part of the Parkrose Community.

I felt that it was necessary for the District to know how fortunate we are to have Gary Muzzy.

Sincerely,

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