

# The WLIS Review

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## Interview with Mr. Higginbotham

By: Claire Cavanaugh and Hailey Mumford

**Hailey:** Why did you become a teacher?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** I really like working with students, and I like that what I do helps to make our country a better place for everyone.

**Hailey:** Have you always wanted to become a teacher or did you want to do something else. If so, what?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** My mom was a teacher, so that is what I've always wanted to be.

**Hailey:** Where and when did you start teaching?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** I have been working in schools since 2014, and I got my first classroom teaching job in 2019. So I have been teaching for 3 years. I have worked in Tacoma, Washington and Lexington, Massachusetts.

**Claire:** Do you have a pet? If you do, what is it's name, what type of animal is it, how old is it, and when did you get it?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** Naomi is a 4 year old dog my wife and I adopted 3 years ago.

**Claire:** Did you grow up here? If not, where did you grow up and what was it like?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** I grew up in Washington State near Seattle. It was a lot cloudier and rainier, but there were also mountains and beautiful places to hike and camp.

**Hailey:** Where did you go to college?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

**Claire:** What are your favorite hobbies?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** I like hiking, camping, playing ultimate frisbee and tennis, running, reading, and cooking.

**Hailey:** What was your favorite thing to do when you were in middle school?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** I liked playing tennis, hiking and camping, and playing video games on my Gamecube.

**Hailey:** What is your favorite subject to teach and why?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** Social studies, because I like to learn about how different people live, and how the past affects us today.

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# Vaccination Interview

By Yueun Song

Do you know that you can get vaccinated? As covid hit, doctors and scientists have been making sure that the vaccines are safe for children. Now, kids ages 5~11 can get it! Here in our school building, people have been getting the vaccines. Here is my interview with two students who got their vaccines, whose identities will remain anonymous.

Yueun: When and where did you get your vaccine?

STUDENT 1: I got it last Saturday at Walgreens .

STUDENT 2: I also got mine last Monday at Walgreens.

Yueun: What type of vaccine did you get?

STUDENT 1: Pfizer

EDWIN: Pfizer

Yueun: Did your siblings get it as well? Is there anyone who didn't get it in your family?

STUDENT 1: Everyone in my family got it. Yes, my older sister and my parents are fully vaccinated.

STUDENT 2: My whole family got at least one. My parents and my older sister are fully vaccinated and my little brother and I got 1 shot so far.

Yueun: Is there a reason you got your vaccine? For example, did your parents say to get it or did you want to get it or is there a specific reason you got it?

STUDENT 1: I wanted to get it myself.

STUDENT 2: My parents wanted my family to get it and I wanted to get it, too.

Yueun: How did you feel after you got it? Were there any side effects?

STUDENT 1: I had a little bit of a sore throat, but it got away quickly. It doesn't really hurt!

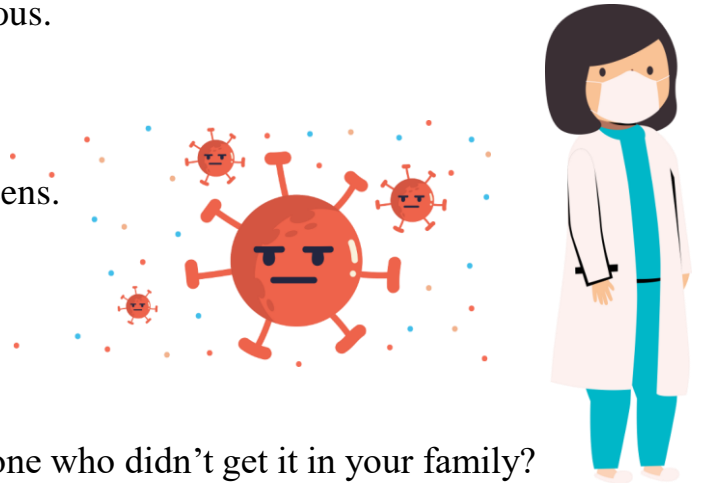
STUDENT 2: I couldn't lift my arm for a few days and my siblings got a bit of effects, too.

Yueun: I have a few worries, too. Would you recommend the vaccine to students? Why?

STUDENT 1: Yes. I feel like the pros outweigh the cons. There are many more people who get the advantage than who get the cons.

STUDENT 2: Honestly, it depends. If you had other effects on other shots/vaccines, it can be a bit risky but it's definitely worth it!

Like I said, I had an interview with two students at WLIS. Do *you* want to get it now? Thanks to these two students for helping me write this awesome interview!



**December’s Question of the Issue:  
What are you looking forward to most  
about winter?**

**Answers:**

“I’m looking forward to the first day of a thick coat of snow.”– Audri Whiteaker

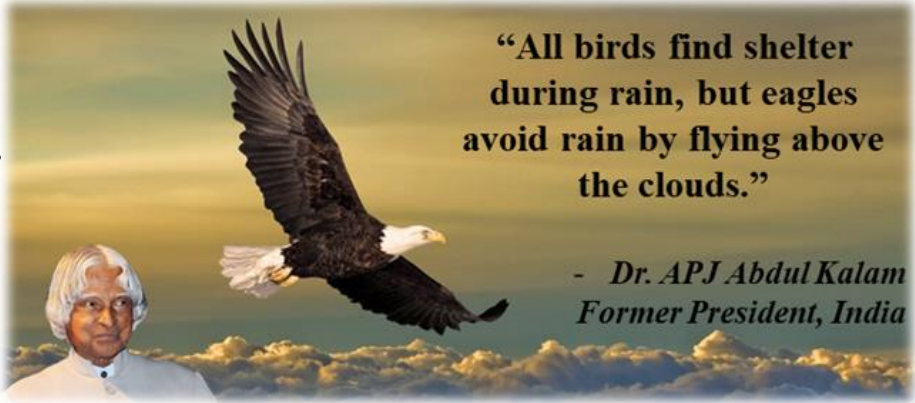
"I am looking forward to going to Tennessee, seeing family, and friends. And I miss the snow!"- Adrienne Nelson

“I am most looking forward to exchanging gifts over the holidays and lots of snow! It's fun to spend time with family during break and Christmas! As much as I love receiving gifts, wrapping and giving others presents is also really fun, especially if it's a surprise! Those are just a few reasons why I look forward to winter!” – Emily Zhou

*Question of the Issue: What are your New Year’s Resolutions?  
Send your answer to Mrs. Catron at [catronc@wl.k12.in.us](mailto:catronc@wl.k12.in.us), and your answer might be published in the next WLIS Review!*

**A Motivational  
Quote**

**By Ananya Anand**



I read this motivational quote and thought of sharing the strong message beneath the simple words said by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India.

In this scenario, the rain represents a hindrance. The bird and eagle represent different attitudes and responses. Most birds, in this case, avoid the problem and take the easier path to find shelter. This may delay what they were doing. But the eagle overcomes the hindrance with an innovative approach to fly above the storm clouds. An eagle is the only bird that can fly above the clouds and can go up to 10,000 ft.

Whenever we face a problem, options are ours to choose to have the problem solve by itself or find a creative way to overcome it. The eagles are inspiring us to think of an innovative approach to rise above the problem and overcome it. This quote is pushing us to be brave and solve the problem and have a greater victory than just simply hiding from it.

# A Sweet Treat

Submitted by Ritika Dani

## The BEST Caramel Cake

Do you love anything that tastes like caramel? Well, this is the perfect cake for you.



### Ingredients:

2 sticks of unsalted butter  
1/3 cup of vegetable oil  
2 1/2 cups of granulated sugar  
6 large eggs  
2 large egg yolks  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon of salt  
1 cup of sour cream  
2 tablespoons of pure vanilla extract

\*Recipe by: Jocelyn Delk Adams\*

### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix in cream butter, oil and sugar until it is light and fluffy. Then, mix in eggs and egg yolks one at a time. After that, add in vanilla extract and the delicious mix. Sift the cake flour, baking powder and salt until well combined. A little tip of advice, make sure not to over mix the batter. Bake the amazing cake for 23-30 minutes or until fully baked. Make sure not to over bake or then the cake will dry out.

### Icing Ingredients:

1 1/2 sticks of butter  
2 cans of evaporated milk  
2 cups of granulated sugar  
2 teaspoons of pure vanilla extract

### Icing Instructions:

Add butter, evaporated milk and sugar until everything has melted together. Leave your caramel over a medium heat stirring constantly till it is thickened and has darkened to a beautiful golden brown. Remove it from the heat and add in the vanilla extract. Allow it to cool for 15-20 minutes to thicken before icing the cake.  
Be ready to taste amazingness!!!

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## Interview with Mr. Higginbotham, *continued from p.1*

**Claire:** What is your favorite book?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** So many! The Giver is my favorite 6th grade book, but my favorite of all time is called The Green Mile.

**Claire:** What is your favorite TV show or movie?

**Mr. Higginbotham:** My favorite TV show is The Office and my favorite movie is The Blues Brothers.