

saudi aramco expatriate schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been my pleasure to work with Greg Lemoine at Saudi Aramco Expatriate Schools (S.A.E.S.). In my role as District Technology Coordinator, I have worked with Greg for nearly five years. Greg has worked as a Technology Facilitator. He has also been a teacher/leader in our Future Lab program. This program brings maker (STEAM-like) capacities to each one of our students as part of their regular programming.

The Saudi Aramco Expatriate Schools are a Pre-K-9th Grade school district located in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. With nearly 3500 students spread over six campuses, the school caters to expatriate employees of Saudi Aramco, the world's largest energy company. S.A.E.S. students follow an American curriculum within a diverse, international community. Our students often move to elite boarding schools for grades 10-12 and have an outstanding record of success both academically and personally.

Community Building-

Whether it's teaching in the Future Lab, playing in the community band, or helping a frustrated teacher, Greg is a community builder. His constant kindness and positive attitude is contagious. Greg goes above and beyond to make teachers feel good about their use of technology. His laugh can be heard through the hallways at his school. Teachers, admin, and staff all respect and enjoy Greg's approachable demeanor. Greg is also proactive in solving problems. He is quick to produce a video tutorial or note that will help teachers and students avoid common technology issues.

Making and Tinkering-

With our Future Lab program, one of our key processes is "Tinkering". Greg is a natural tinkerer and is curious about how to make things better for his staff and students. Whether it's showing off the latest gadget or building a gigantic marble run in the elementary school hallway, Greg is always diving into new things and taking on new challenges and embracing the joy of learning. This attitude rubs off on his students. Stepping into Greg's Future Lab space with students is an honor. His students display that "serious fun" attitude as they build, explore, and "play" with robotics, building materials and other products but also take the time to reflect and learn more deeply about the concepts involved in "making" as well as who they are as learners.

Technology Facilitation -



At Saudi Aramco Expatriate Schools, Technology Facilitators wear a lot of hats. Greg and others are asked not only to teach in our Future Labs but to balance their roles as lead technologists in the building. Greg has worked at one of our largest and most complex schools. With almost 1200 students the sheer management of support tickets and inventory of materials can be intimidating. Despite this responsibility, Greg always has a positive proactive attitude. He cleans up messes and dives into problem solving where needed on issues ranging from student devices, to internet connectivity, to audio-visual setup.

It is truly a pleasure to work with Greg. His curiosity and thoughtfulness is inspiring. He is an innovative and creative teacher who brings students, staff, and others together to make our school a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Gilbertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

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