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Environmental Science teacher Meghan Mosher was committed to making her classroom a more inclusive place. The work that she had done, especially regarding LGBTQ awareness, was covered by Colorado Public Radio in Fall 2018. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR TEACHERS TO MAKE THEIR CLASSROOMS ARE MORE INCLUSIVE? We just have to recognize that in trying to build a safe classroom if there's constantly these small little microaggressions not only about gender

and sexuality, but also about race, that, you know, people in the room are going to feel uncomfortable, and that when I walk into the classroom, it needs to be a safe space for everybody, including myself, and just hearing a lot of that derogatory language, I just finally had enough. I think that's something I try to model. That was something that kind of came across in that [CPR]story... okay, here's something that somebody is doing that's making a difference with their students. WHY IS

BEING MORE INCLUSIVE IN A CLASSROOM IMPORTANT IN SCIENCE? The tying identity to science in genetics and chromosomes is an incredibly fascinating conversation, because it's an area of research that continues to be developed. I feel like every time I pick up a new article, I learned something new. It's fascinating right now in science, that gender and sexual diversity topics are being talked about.

## Math teacher Aaron Paddock was a huge Disney fan. and he and his family went every year to celebrate another cancer-free year for his wife.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO TO DISNEYLAND? My wife and I have been lucky enough to be annual pass holders to Disnevland in California for the past several years. Our rationale has been that if we go 3 or 4 times per year it would be worth the cost. Because Anaheim (California) is so close to Colorado, it is usually pretty easy to find cheap airfare to Los Angeles. We generally go to the parks around Christmas, sometime in February, at the beginning of summer break in May,

and near the end of summer break in late July. This past year, we decided to splurge and buy a special pass that allows you to also go to Disney World in Florida. We were lucky enough to get to go to Florida four times this vear as well! We went last April for the Spring Flower and Garden Festival we took our kids in July, went in August with the Football team, and we are going in early April again for the Garden Festival round two. DOES DISNEYLAND HAVE A SIGNIFICANT MEANING? The reason that both Disneyland and Disney World have such a special meaning for our family is that it was the first vacation we took after

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my wife was determined to be cancer free in 2007. During the summer of 2006, we went to the hospital almost every day for either radiation, chemotherapy or both. We decided that the next summer we would have something much better to look forward to. Ever since we have made it a tradition to go back to the parks to celebrate another year of health and good fortune. WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT DISNEYLAND? What I love most about Disney Parks is that it appeals to everyone. Walt Disney's original concept for Disnevland was that it should be a place where both kids and adults could

spend time together.



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