



Dinosaur Museum

The class takes a trip to the local Dinosaur museum to learn about the ancient artifacts.



David Carlson, '23
"Mrs. Kincert is my favorite teacher because she does fun."



Jackquilyn Allred, '24
"I like Mrs. Faith because she does fun things."



Gregory Allred, '22
"My favorite would be between Mrs. Kincert, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Nash because they're all nice."



Faith Mattson
"My favorite part is watching the kids have a-ha moments."

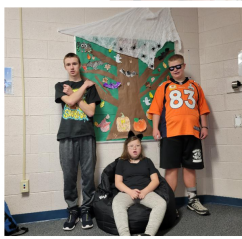


Brianna Mattson
"My favorite part would be realizing how much we take for granted."



Jackie Allred

"My favorite part about school is going to work on art and drawing horses. I like to draw and hang my art on the wall."



Halloween

The class celebrates Halloween by painting pumpkins and dressing in costumes.



Our teachers down in the special education rooms are a vital part of their learning curriculum. Faith and Brianna Mattson are a mother and daughter that both teach here at Woodland Park High School. When asking Miss Faith why she chose this job, she said, "This job chose me. I didn't choose this job. I had a friend who was supposed to teach summer school and she couldn't be there for summer school so she called me and asked me if I wanted to do it and I was like sure, why not! And then they had an opening here and there and one other place and I chose this room because these are the kids I worked with in the summer. So it kinda chose me; it was just meant to be. So now I've been here for 4 years." Alongside her mom, Miss Brie said, "This job kind of chose me; I didn't choose it. And in the end, that turned out to be a great thing. Plus, my mom always has snacks so I'm never hungry!" These two both work so hard to improve the lives of the students and improve their own lives as well. Miss Brie says, "They are all so carefree and they remind me of how much humanity takes for granted. There's such an innocence to them that I love." Finally, we asked Miss Faith what her favorite part of her job has become. She said, "Watching the kids have a-ha moments, watching them struggle with something and then all the sudden it's like, oh wait I get that now!" Miss Faith and Miss Brie have made an incredible impression on these students: not only with their hard work, but their motivational personalities in the classroom.

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A Wonderful World of Learning

Woodland Park High School is full of many different programs: some that we don't quite get to see on a day to day basis. Some of our students at Woodland Park are succeeding in their own ways in other classrooms around the school. The special needs program here is very impressive and full of students willing to learn. These students grow every single day and strive to become better individuals. Gregory Allred, '22, says, "My favorite class is food class because I like to cook." Behind the scenes there are a lot of extra steps into learning daily tasks like this unlike the majority of us. Students in the classrooms for special needs can struggle with the "in between" parts of daily learning. That's what makes them so special: the ability to work hard every day and continue to grow despite the struggles you have been challenged with. Not only do our fellow high school students learn the fundamentals of math, English, science, and history, but they also have an immense amount of fun using their creativity to make arts, crafts, and even music. Krystal King, '22, says, "I have been in choir for as long as I can remember." She finds lots of joy within our music programs. It is



incredible to see the individual talents and strengths of our wonderful students in the special education rooms. "These kids have absolutely changed my outlook on life. I have made more friends within the special needs program than anywhere else in our school. It has even inspired me to pursue helping teach students like this in my future career." Jamey Thomas, '22. All of these students are unique in their own way and have future assets and goals they wish to achieve. Jackquilyn Allred, '24, when asked about her favorite parts of coming to school says, "Going to art to draw horses, PE, having fun and going with the flow" Jackie plans on working with horses when she finishes high school. David - even has a job outside of school. "I do dish washing at a restaurant to earn money." David wants to be a chef when he completes his schooling. Over the continuing years, our school has been adding more interaction between the special needs program and the rest of our students at the high school. Mrs. Roshek has recently added a Unified P.E. class to her list to ensure that we can have the chance to grow and learn from each other and celebrate friendship rather than our differences.