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Education/Experience:

I have multiple degrees from Lakehead University: HBOR, BA Geography, BEd, and an MEd in Environmental and Ecological Education. Lakehead offered me a unique post-secondary opportunity where I was able to combine my two passions, nature and education. Prior to becoming a teacher, I worked in Outdoor Education and acted as Assistant Director at a residential summer camp.

My Typical Day...

5:30—wake up

6:00—coffee

8:00—prep for classes

8:30-3:30—teaching time

4:00-5:00—swim team practice/
environmental club

6:00-9:00—family time

9:00-11:00—planning/marking

12:00 -- bedtime

What I love most about being a teacher is working with young people, they are inspiring!

Achievements:

My career involved 25 years as a high school teacher, in several schools across Ontario. I used research and environmental education to inform my professional development over the years. I was involved with the Ontario Association of Geography and Environmental Education as well as the Toronto Geography Teacher's Association. In 2020, I was honoured with the Premier's Award in Teaching Excellence for my dedication to student achievement and sustainability education. I am most proud of my work in combining youth with sustainable work opportunities—e.g. Bendale-Thomson Community Garden.