

Who is the principal of Hazelwood? Dr. Tim Parnell



I was born in 1956 in Springfield, Oregon; the youngest of five children. My dad was a high school coach, principal, and later the Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction and college president. My mother held her MDA (Master of Domestic Affairs). I attended college in California and I have settled in the wonderful Puget Sound area. I've earned my Master's Degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and my Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Seattle Pacific University. I've worked in the field of education since 1979. I taught and coached at the elementary and middle school levels. I have been principal at Hazelwood since 2001. All four of my siblings worked and/or still work in public education.

My incredible wife and I were married in 1977. She is a physical therapist. We have three grown sons who are married to amazing women and we have several grandchildren. Two of our sons and their wives work in the nearby Lake Washington School District. Our eldest son and his family live and work in the Gig Harbor/Tacoma area. In addition, we have a dog. We adopted him when he was a puppy and we consider his breed to be a *Narnian Shepherd*. We enjoy going for walks and hikes together. We love the outdoors, snow skiing, and the beautiful Pacific Northwest. We enjoy all kinds of sports. Our family is important to us. We are also involved in our church and Young Life. We find that our faith renews and anchors our lives.



Our family has found that a *Love and Logic*® approach to parenting and teaching is extremely healthy and helpful. *Love and Logic*® has been a rich resource for us. I really helped us focus on preparing our sons for the real world when they grew up and left our home. *Love and Logic*® helped us maintain healthy and growing lifelong relationships with them.

Recently, someone asked me why I was an elementary school principal. It was a good question. I responded that I had a few reasons:

- ✚ *I get energized by kids! I want to help them develop a strong foundation for their lives.*
- ✚ *I really get turned on by learning. That's what school are all about!*

Then, I was asked, whether or not I liked being a principal and my response was,

- ✚ *Absolutely, I've never had a boring day yet! I love my work! Sometimes I feel guilty because I enjoy it so much.*

Thank you for taking time to look at and read the above information. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (Dr. Tim Parnell) at: (425) 431-7885 and/or parnellt@edmonds.wednet.edu.