



Faculty Spotlight, Kim Eijpen continued...

You, your three children and your husband (Wil Eijpen, also our boy's varsity soccer and Pilot Cup coach) are all camping aficionados. Do you have a favorite spot? Does your family share your fascination with topics such as rock striations?

Oh gosh - I don't even know where to start. There hasn't been one place here in California or the West that we haven't loved camping at. We drove to Yellowstone in 2020 and that was pretty amazing I have to say - all that geology! No, my children are not quite as interested in my 'geologizing' as I am!! I hope one day they'll realize how lucky we've all been to visit these amazing places and not bemoan the fact that we'll be visiting yet another National Park during our summer vacation.

You are currently spearheading an initiative on campus with oneplanetschools.org, a philanthropic organization working to shift to renewable energy support protection and restoration of half of the world's lands and oceans, and a transition to regenerative, climate-friendly agriculture. You have been instrumental in banning plastic single use items from WSOC's campus and installing refillable water stations. What's next on the agenda for greening our campus?

I've been so impressed with our community's efforts to reduce waste, especially around our festival life - thank you to every single family for doing their part, we are modeling our behavior for our children, and it is inspiring. My big goal is to run our school on solar power.

If you could take your high school students absolutely anywhere in the world for a field trip, where would it be and why?

Iceland. Without a doubt. I've been lucky enough to spend two summers out there conducting field work on the Vatnajökull ice cap and it is a place beyond words. The juxtaposition of all the tectonic activity and ice is like nothing I've ever experienced. There is an energy within the land which is palpable, and I would love my students to visit this magnificent country.