

Professional Biography

Mr. Nathan Groenendyk graduated from Dordt University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education. He completed a master's degree in Music Education through Kent State University in 2015. Nathan taught music at PCS PreK-8 from 2011-2021 and then worked as a landscaper at the Arizona Grand Resort for one year. Nathan returned to PCS PreK-8 in 2022 as a part-time music teacher and part-time facilities manager.

Personal Biography

Nathan was born in Leighton, Iowa and moved to Phoenix to teach at PCS PreK-8 in 2011. His hobbies include songwriting and gardening, and he loves dogs and cats. He serves as a part-time director of music and accompanist at Phoenix Christian Reformed Church. Nathan is an active songwriter. He has written several songs for PCS students to perform at music concerts over the years. He has also composed orchestral ambience music for podcasters.

Philosophical Biography

David the Psalmist wrote, "*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord*" (Psalm 150:6). Mr. Groenendyk believes children are an essential part of this call to praise the Lord, the Giver of life and song. They must learn to live a life of service and praise, and through God's unique and complex gift of music express their gratitude to God for His faithfulness. Through music, they come to know the divine nature of God and what has been done for them through Jesus Christ.