

MRACHEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
"Building Great Thinkers"
2017-2018



Name: **Clayton Ellis**

Position: **Comprehensive Health, physical education and Wellness Teacher**

College/Training: **Adams State University – Bachelor of Arts, University of Phoenix – MA-Ed Administration**

About Me: I grew up in Boulder, CO and attended Adams State University where I majored in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. I began my 34 year educational career teaching career for the Archdiocese of Denver teaching K-8 physical education. I coached football, basketball and baseball at Boulder Fairview HS and Mullen HS. I then moved to Houston, TX where I taught K-12 health, physical education and coached for the Alief, TX School district. In Houston I met and married my wife who is an elementary school principal. We moved back to Colorado to teach in Aurora Public Schools in 2000. I began my career in Aurora at North Middle School where I taught health and physical education and I was the AVID Coordinator. I then taught physical education at Aurora Central HS. I attended the University of Phoenix to earn my Master's Degree in Educational Administration. Throughout my career I have accumulated extensive experience coaching, football, basketball, baseball, volleyball and swimming at the HS level.

I am very actively engaged with the promotion of active and healthy lifestyles through non-profit organizations for example I am a Past-President of SHAPE Colorado (Society for Health and Physical Educators) and I currently serve as the President of SHAPE America - Central District (9 state region), I also have served as the Nominations Committee Chair for SHAPE America (national organization), and I am currently the Past-President of the Colorado Governor's Council for Active and Healthy Lifestyles. I have participated with Physical Best, on the PE Metrics Task Force, and the President's Youth Fitness Program Professional Development Task Force for SHAPE America. I am the state coordinator for Active Schools and I am a certified Physical Activity Leader Trainer through Let's Move Active Schools.

I look forward to working with the Mrachek community to ensure every student has the opportunity to *"Building Great Thinkers"*.

Job Description: My job is to accelerate learning for every student, every day. **I do my job by advocating for and promoting achievement through a quality comprehensive health, physical education and and wellness program that engages the students and community in active and healthy lifestyles.** My community needs me to do my job.

