

Resume

Richard Close

- Grew up in Pittsburgh, PA
- Graduated from Houghton College in 1968 with a B.S. in General Science
- Obtained Master's Degree from West Chester Univ. in Science in 1972
- Taught in the Souderton Area School District(1968-2003) for 35 yr. teaching Middle School Science(Indian Valley MS in Harleysville) and Gifted Education for Elementary students at EMC, West Broad and Franconia Elementary Schools
- Served on Elder Board at Grace Bible Church for over 30 years
- Served in Sunday School Teaching and Children's Ministry at GBC
- Taught at Indian Valley JHS and Middle School for 29 yr.
- Mentored and sponsored students for 19 yr from IVMS in student science research (During that time there were over 1900 students who participated in the local science competition)
- Indian Valley MS won the team championships for the county 16 of the 19 yrs.
- Many of the students went on to science majors and careers
- Director of Montgomery Co. Science Research Competition(all Montco schools from gr.6-12 are eligible) for over 10 years—over 500 students each year participating from over 35 schools/school districts
- Director of Outreach for Delaware Valley Science Fairs(presently)
- Teacher Trainer for FOSS Elementary Science Program
- Travel locally and regionally to present Bubbles Programs as "Dr. Bubbles"
- Traveled internationally to teach student science research to students and teachers in Czech Republic and Slovakia
- Represent the Delaware Valley along with the DVSF staff at the International Science and Engineering Fair