



family spotlight

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THE Jolin FAMILY

AHWATUKEE TEACHING AND LIVING

Josh and Michelle Jolin are unique because they know A LOT of people in the Ahwatukee community. Michelle is in her 16th year as an educator at Cerritos Elementary School, while Josh is in his 10th year

at Altadeña Middle School, and both have coached and/or been in charge of school clubs and activities for years. Because of this time spent within the Kyrene School District, both know a lot of students and families, so it's completely normal for them to run

into many familiar faces when they are out and about in the community.

The Jolins explain, "Because we are teachers, we have so many children and young adults in the community that we know. We love to attend



sporting events, school plays, dance recitals, and anything else that helps support our current and former students. We love to bring our boys to meet former students and see the things that they are up to.”

The couple also loves that their career schedules are in sync; this means they have the same availability for vacations and for time with their sons, Jack (3) and Jace (1). With two young children, Josh and Michelle stay super busy with walks and playing outside. They also frequent the Phoenix Zoo as well as the OdySea Aquarium. They like to watch *The Masked Singer*, read books, do puzzles, and they like to dance, play, and act silly with each other and with their kids.

In addition to living and working in Ahwatukee, Michelle and Josh both went to middle school and high school here. Josh attended Desert Vista while Michelle went to Mountain Pointe, which leads Josh to laughingly explain, “We are a house divided, though our children will likely go to Desert Vista.” Both Josh and Michelle have fond memories of living and growing up in Ahwatukee, and they love the close-knit feel and the quiet neighborhoods here.



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Michelle explains, "We wanted to live and raise our children in the community that we teach in. We know that our children will attend our schools, and we would like them to be able to live near the friends they make during their school years." Additionally,

Michelle's family still lives in Ahwatukee, which is awesome because she and Josh want to be near family while raising their kids. Josh always jokes with Michelle that she gets anxious if they cross the 10 because she doesn't know how to leave Ahwatukee.



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