**Middle School 8th Grade Science Teacher (Begins Late August 2020)**

**Job Summary:**
Francis W. Parker School is a renowned JK-12th grade independent day school. Founded in 1901 on the tenets of progressive education, the school currently enrolls 940 students and employs 200 dedicated faculty and staff members who, in addition to assistant teachers, substitute teachers and coaches, work together to ensure that the School lives up to its Mission to “educate students to think and act with empathy, courage and clarity as responsible citizens and leaders in a diverse, democratic society and global community.”

We are seeking a full-time dynamic, innovative, and experienced 8th Grade Physical Science teacher. Coursework is conducted in an experiential lab setting that combines learning by doing, exploring/tinkering, reflecting, and additional pedagogical techniques. Coursework is taught with thought-provoking activities that challenge and inspire inquiry. Co-teaching takes place in some units, particularly in robotics, engineering, and coding.

Essential parts of this position include advising eighth graders, chaperoning class trips, leading a community engagement group, collaborating with colleagues on the grade-level team and in the science department, and hosting thoughtful parent conferences.

**Required Qualifications:**
- **B.S. in Science (Physical Science background preferred), Master's preferred**
- **A minimum of three years of middle school classroom experience preferred**
- Excellent communication skills, sound judgment, and emotional maturity
- An affinity for working with middle school-aged children
- Understanding of and commitment to the tenets of progressive education
- Demonstrated record of developing one’s own cultural competency and incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion in practices and curriculum
- Ability to differentiate instruction to include all learners
- A commitment to being an advisor and facilitating class trips
- Ability to collaborate, create, and modify curriculum with colleagues on a team
- Direct experience with Middle School Science curriculum design a plus
- Demonstrated use of research-based pedagogical methods in the classroom
- Commitment to ongoing professional development in science and progressive education
- Knowledge of Next Generation Science Standards
- Familiarity with technology and innovation in the classroom
- Understanding of early adolescence as a stage of human development
- The ability to communicate clearly, honestly, and empathically with early adolescents
- Experience in communicating effectively with parents/guardians
- Interest in extra-curricular involvement with students

**Compensation:**
Commensurate with background and experience; comprehensive benefits package

**To Apply:** Please submit cover letter with resume, by mail or email to *(no telephone inquiries please)*:

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The faculty, staff and administration of Francis W. Parker School are integral parts of the School's community. Through their passion, dedication and commitment to the School's mission, they create and support an environment where exceptional child-centered learning can occur.

Francis W. Parker School is committed to cultivating a community of dedicated students, parents, faculty and staff, trustees, administrators and alumni, who acknowledge, respect, and esteem diversity in our school; and who reflect, through their presence, the diversity of Chicago communities and the wider world.

Francis W. Parker School is an equal opportunity employer.