

# Dan SHAW

## QUICK FACTS

**Hometown:** The Banks of the Schuylkill River, Pennsylvania

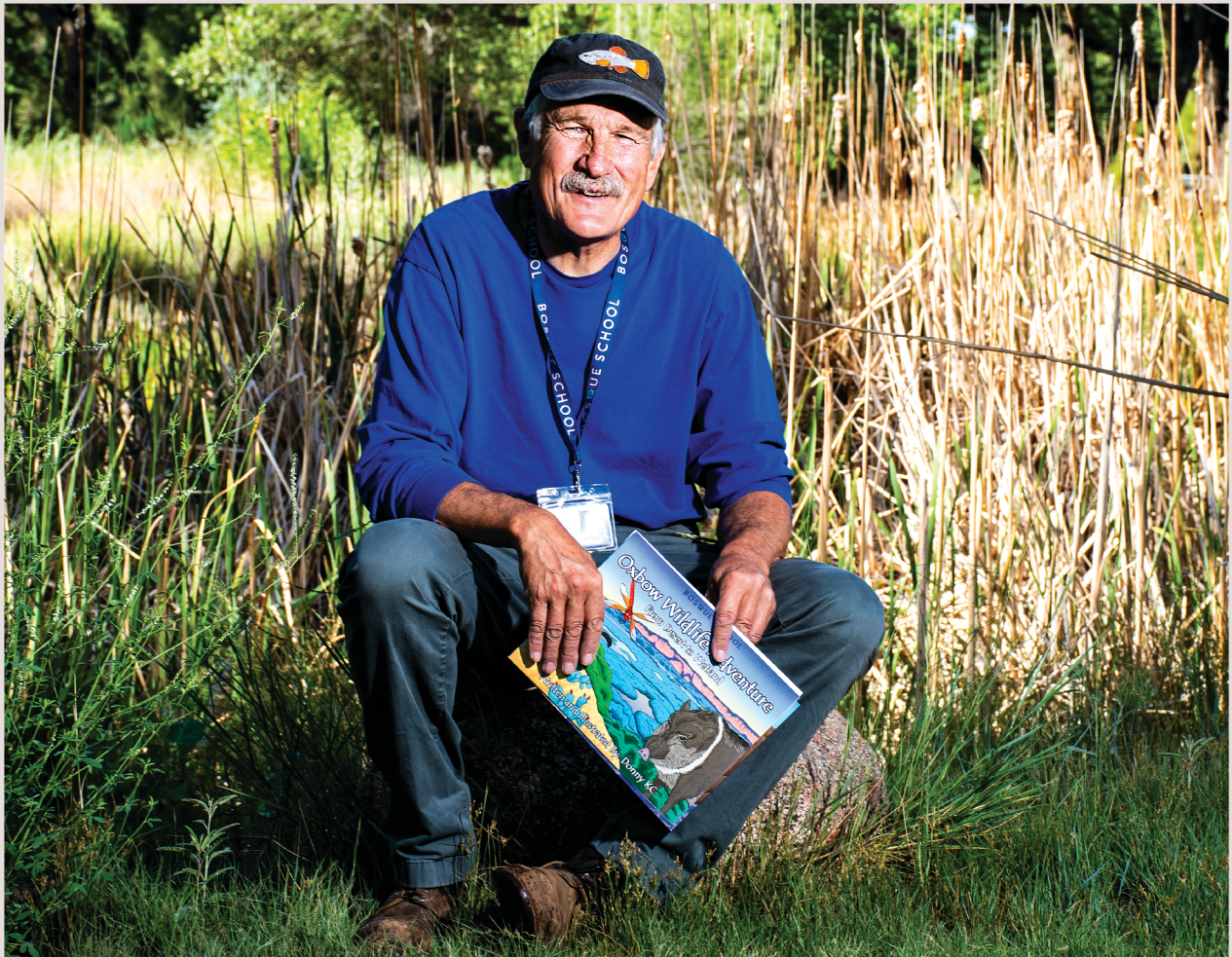
**Years as Educator:** 45

**Current Role:** Science Teacher at Bosque School

**Other Notable Roles:** Co-founder and former Co-Director of the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP), Founding Teacher of Bosque School

**Most Challenging Part of Job:** Maintaining stamina and patience all day and year long

**Most Rewarding Part of the Job:** Becoming a colleague with former students and teaching together



Dan Shaw's love for the environment is central to his teaching, making Bosque School's campus on the Rio Grande the perfect setting for his experiential teaching. "There's accountability to their learning by doing the hands-on work," he says. "There is a visceral connection to becoming a steward of one's own home watershed and being able to care for the land and the water that supports the wildlife that we are neighbors to".

As one of the founding teachers of Bosque School in 1995, Shaw faced the daunting task of working out every detail, but also the opportunity to build creative curricula. Shaw's students conduct their own original research, learning how to both present their findings to professional audiences and teach it to younger students.

Having worked across grade levels, Shaw sees teaching as inherently relationship based, and the Bosque Schools community that he has helped

foster keeps him coming back. "One of the greatest honors I get is to write college recommendations for kids and to be able to tell the story of their journey of learning from sixth through 12th grade," he says.

Through his tenure at Bosque School, Shaw has blended his two passions: people and the planet. "I get to see this whole network of former students and their children all working together to learn and to care for the land".