



# 10 Questions

**Beijing BISS International School's Judy Hart is a super-organized Texan with a talent for music**



*Though Judy Hart spent the majority of her professional career teaching music in New Mexico, she's a native Texan with a strong family tradition of music. Her two children (and one son-in-law) all have music degrees; her husband was a band director and currently teaches music at Beijing No. 4 High School. Hart was an elementary school music teacher herself until she retired (to Texas, naturally). But she discovered that she still had a passion for teaching, and arrived at BISS two years ago to teach PYP (primary years program) and MYP (middle years program) music, continuing to give children the opportunity to "make great memories with music."*

**Q: What do you eat for breakfast?**

**A:** I usually like to eat granola with yogurt, but lately my husband has become very good at making omelettes.

**Q: What's your favorite place in Beijing (besides your school, of course)?**

**A:** I'm still awestruck by the Summer Palace and the Great Wall at Mutianyu. On the weekends, I like to walk and shop in hutongs like Nanluoguxiang and Wudaoying, or have a nice dinner out around Houhai Lake.

**Q: Tell us an embarrassing childhood story.**

**A:** I hate telling this, but I was the kid who came in from recess to clean out other kids' desks. I still get grief for my extreme love of organizing spaces. I have re-organized more than a few closets in my time.

**Q: What's next on your to-read list?**

**A:** I just finished *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison

Allen and I am starting *A Spool Of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler.

**Q: What would we catch you doing on a Saturday afternoon?**

**A:** I spend a lot of time preparing [lesson] plans and materials for the next school week, but I also love to watch movies and explore the markets in Beijing.

**Q: What's your favorite junk food?**

**A:** I love Mexican food, especially tortilla chips with salsa and queso [cheese]. If I were home in Texas, I would be picking up some flautas.

**Q: If you could travel to any country in the world for a week, which would it be and why?**

**A:** Australia and New Zealand have moved to the top of my list. I can't wait to see the homelands of so many of my new friends.

**Q: What do you most miss from home?**

**A:** I miss my car and Sonic Drive-In.

**Q: What song would you not mind listening to 10 times in a row?**

**A:** The "Secret O' Life" by James Taylor usually mends any stressful situation.

**Q: What's your favorite memory at BISS?**

**A:** I will never forget standing in front of the BISS Elementary Choir the very first time they came together to sing "Count on Me." They were so proud to perform for their teachers and friends, and I was so glad to be a part of it. I knew then that many good times lay ahead!

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