

DCCS School Board Memo

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School Board Members

Margaret Murday – President
John Von Thaden – Vice Pres.
Michelle Guiliani – Secretary
Vicky Breneman
John Wagenveld
Liz Wilson

Please contact the school office if you would like to speak with a school board member.

Former Teachers Rejoin DCCS Staff

We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs. Becky Newhuis, Miss Debb Norton, and Mrs. Noreen Talaga to the DCCS staff for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mrs. Newhuis served for 3 years as the middle school reading teacher until this past school year. Mrs. Newhuis will jointly teach Language Arts with Mr. Hale, focusing on reading and vocabulary, while Mr. Hale focuses on grammar.

"We are excited about the collaboration that Mrs. Newhuis and Mr. Hale will bring to our Language Arts middle school program," said Mrs. Wroughton, DCCS principal.

Mrs. Newhuis also intends to direct a play with our 8th grade class and bring back her signature mock trial and etiquette luncheon events.

Miss Norton rejoins DCCS to teach our 5th grade class. Miss Norton taught 3rd

grade for 5 years at DCCS before moving to Tennessee where she has been teaching and going to school. Miss Norton brings a strong elementary educational background with a Masters in Education and more than 15 years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Talaga taught Kindergarten at DCCS for several years before leaving 8 years ago. Having recently returned from Florida, Mrs. Talaga will be teaching 2nd grade this year.

"We are so pleased to have Mrs. Newhuis, Miss Norton, and Mrs. Talaga rejoin our staff," commented Margaret Murday, DCCS board president. "Each brings a strong commitment to Christian Education and will offer our students a terrific educational experience."

Please join us in welcoming back these wonderful teachers.

Music and Computer Teachers Hired

In keeping with our goals to refocus our student offerings and round out our program, we have added two new members to our staff for music and computers.

Ms. Sarah Rios will teach music for Kindergarten through 8th grade students. Middle school students will focus on music appreciation while elementary students will sing and gain additional music skills. Ms. Rios

will also direct a series of concerts by our students for the student body and their parents. As an accomplished professional, Ms. Rios has taught music at several schools in the area.

Mr. Stephen Chinnappa joins our staff as the new elementary and junior high computer teacher. Mr. Chinnappa has an undergraduate degree in Finance and a Masters degree in Finance with

extensive experience in computers from Governors State University. He and his wife are members of Deer Creek Christian Church and are originally from India.

"In Ms. Rios and Mr. Chinnappa, we have highly skilled individuals who offer terrific talents and knowledge to help enrich our curriculum offering," said Mrs. Wroughton, DCCS principal.

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Tragedy Strikes Family of Former Students

“Our Prayers are with the LaBranche Family.”

Reminders

- School Begins Monday August 23th
- Open House – Friday, August 20th 4:30-6:00pm
- Parent Meeting after Open House - 6:00pm
- Scrip Program has begun. Sign up in the office. Monday orders are filled on Friday.
- Parents interested in our new Band program should contact the school office

School Board Changes

The school board elected new officers in June for a one-year term beginning in July. Margaret Murday will serve as President of the School Board with John Von Thaden as Vice President.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Michelle Guiliani to the school board. Michelle will also serve as Secretary for the 2010-2011 school year. Michelle is the mother of Brianna, (8th grade) and Alexandra (6th grade), and her oldest daughter now attends Illiana HS. Michelle has been an active school parent, leading the Parent Prayer meeting, serving on transition team, and coaching 5th & 6th grade Volleyball.

The Deer Creek Family was saddened to learn of the passing of Dumesle LaBranche, 38 of Jacksonville, FL on July 4, 2010.

The LaBranche children attended Deer Creek until the family moved to Florida five years ago.

Nadej LaBranche was an active volunteer at Deer Creek and many of you may have known her.

The news report indicates that the family was traveling together when the accident occurred due to wet road conditions. All were seriously injured and spent considerable time in the hospital.

Three of the family children, Khymburgly Gourdet, Georges and Sebastien LaBranche, attended DCCS.

Due to the injuries of the

family, the funeral was delayed until August 12.

If you wish to send your condolences to the family, you can submit a card or note to the school office and we will compile these and forward them to the LaBranche's.

Our prayers go out to the family.

2010-2011 Staff

We are pleased to announce our staff for the 2010-2011 school year:

Elementary School

Pre-School	Mrs. Christine Bladen
Pre-K	Mrs. Candi Popko
Kindergarten	Mrs. Robin Von Thaden
1 st Grade	Mrs. Kendra Oprondek
2 nd Grade	Mrs. Noreen Talaga
3 rd Grade	Mrs. Debi Johnson
4 th Grade	Mrs. Nanci Natale
5 th Grade	Miss. Debb Norton

Middle School

Bible	Mrs. Ruth Maynard
Language Arts	Mrs. Becky Newhuis
L.A./History	Mr. Ryan Hale
Math	Mrs. Julie Wroughton
Math/Science	Mr. Ron Kuiper

Specials

Art	Mrs. Shelli O'Brien
Computers	Mr. Stephen Chinnappa
Music	Ms. Sarah Rios
P.E./Athletic Dir.	Mr. Mike Lawrence
Extended Care	Mrs. Angela Grzeskowiak
Extended Care	Miss Rachel Gifford
Extended Care	Mr. Ben Hunter

Teacher Aides

Mrs. Nancy Cienkus
Mrs. Carol Dooley
Mrs. Joy Houlihan
Mrs. Kim Mosel
Mrs. Valerie Wood

Office Staff

Mrs. Julie Wroughton, Principal
Mrs. Linda Salazar, Finance
Mrs. Sue Wakeford, Secretary

Mrs. Wroughton – On Start of School Year

We asked Mrs. Wroughton to greet each of you and share a few thoughts as we start the new year:

“Excitement is in the air at Deer Creek. Teachers are busy preparing their classrooms for the new year. Textbooks are being delivered (sorry students!) and schedules are being finalized. But most

importantly, each and every student and family is being bathed in prayer.

The newness of a school year can bring a mixture of emotions. It is a time of transition: new classroom, new teacher, new classmates, perhaps even a new school.

The staff at Deer Creek is

looking forward to sharing in this transition with you and is praying for a wonderful school year.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you in my new role as principal.

Please feel free to stop by and say hi.”

We're on the Web!

www.dccsonline.org