



# Head...lines

A periodic newsletter from your Administrator - Frank C. Rydwansky

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## Welcome back to school!

### **From the Administrator...**

Welcome to the first 2009-10 edition of Head...lines, our DCA periodic newsletter designed to let you know what's happening. School is a few weeks away. It's time to let you know about the exciting year ahead and some key changes you need to know before school opens. This will be a different, but great, year at DCA as we adjust to our changing world in size, but continue to improve our school. We really need your help and support both in attendance and financially.

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### **Key Items & Events...**

- BE SURE TO HAVE ALL OF LAST YEAR'S AND NEW SCHOOL YEAR FINANCIALS IN ORDER. ALL 09-09 PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE TO ENTER IN THE FALL...OR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE. 2009-10 PAYMENTS MUST BE ON FACTS OR PRE-PAID. THANK YOU TO THE MAJORITY OF FAMILIES WHO ARE "ALL SET" FOR 2009-10.
- BE HERE FOR "MEET YOUR TEACHER" NIGHT, MONDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> FROM 5 TO 7 PM. SEE THE CLASSROOM, AND PICK-UP BOOKS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.
- PLEASE MAKE A LAST MINUTE CONTRIBUTION (BEFORE AUG 31<sup>ST</sup>) TO OUR "FAMILIES HELPING" FUND. THE DEMAND FOR FINANCIAL AID IS MUCH GREATER THIS YEAR. FINANCIAL AID IS REALLY STRETCHED ALREADY. THANK YOU!

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### **Summer Summary...**

- REMINDER: If you owe DCA any \$'s from 2008-09, all must be in by August 31<sup>st</sup>, or arrangements made with Darlene in our Admissions office. Also, the initial \$400- must be paid for the 2009-10 year to allow entrance on September 2nd. **The only options are full payment or FACTS tuition plan.** Most of you are all set...if not, call today!
- Families Helping Families Fund - any last minute contributions in August will be a BIG help.
- Staff & Faculty - we welcome one new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and miss some others due to changing times.
- Parent Handbook Changes are few at best...refer to last year's edition w/addendums.
- School Hours start at 8:00AM. PLEASE BE ON TIME! We've added an activity period on Wednesdays.
- Scope & Sequence of courses - we're adding new math curriculum from BJU press - grade 5 and up, and continuing to make other improvements in elementary curriculum.
- We (and Attleboro) have a new lunch caterer...costs remain stable. Check the website.
- Painting & cleaning of halls and rooms - all areas have been painted or cleaned. Carpets have been scrubbed as best possible. The gym floor will be re-surfaced at Christmas break.
- Middle school classes for Grades 6 to 8 will be back to the main building except for Spanish.
- Class assignments (**This information will come in the mail the week before opening**) - we have done our best to honor placement requests. However, many factors go into the decision. If you did not get your choice...thank you for understanding.
- LAST MINUTE OPENINGS: We have space in most classes, except for Kindergarten and Grade 1. Bring a friend and get \$300-. We' love to fill the seats in each classroom.

### ***The Calendar...***

A copy of the latest calendar is enclosed with this Head...lines. School officially begins at with a "meet-the teacher" night from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. for all parents. You will meet with faculty and staff; will tell you about the year to come; pick-up announcements and other materials; and meet your child's teacher(s). **There will not be a formal opening session due to church campus use.** Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> is the first full day of school. Dayspring will run a similar holiday and vacation schedule to the Attleboro school system. Please note a number of recent changes from the first published draft.

### ***Organization...***

Enclosed is key contact information. We have added "ParentReach" ...a direct phone and email contact system for special events. An email and phone list will be available on "teacher" night and on the web, to acquaint you with our staff and how to contact them. We will continue to work in functional units: Operations; Elementary 1 (PK to Grade 2); Elementary 2 (Grade 3 to Grade 5); Middle School (Grades 6 to 8); Specialty Teams (Spanish, Music, Gym, Art, Library & Computer); and our very important group of Aides. Please feel free to communicate with us at any time.

### ***Parent Program Information...***

- SCRIP - We want to expand this fine, tuition helps program this year. SCRIP is a program in which families purchase gift certificates through Dayspring to shop at major food, retail stores, and restaurants...at a discount. There will be a BIG push in September. Pay by: cash, check, or credit card. Thanks to all who used SCRIP through the summer months.
- **Extended Care and Aftercare information will be coming. Changes will include prepayment by coupon and extended hours, to 6:00, if required.**
- A special prayer group, including interested students and families, will be forming throughout the school...look for announcements. Pray for Dayspring every day.
- Nurse's request...please read and complete the medical information forms and return to the office. New students must have health records in by August 31, 2009. VERY IMPORTANT.
- CONTACT INFORMATION - Please review the enclosed SchoolReach flyer and update the Phone Information form with your latest phone and/or email data. We need this for both direct contact with you and any latest PAC news.
- PAC - Parent Advisory Council meetings will continue in September. Sign-up for volunteer work and PAC will be available on back-to-school night. This strong parent group will help drive future growth. Here are some plans...dates to be announced, if not noted:
  - Family Night, Friday, 9/18
  - USA Skate Nights, September & January
  - UNO Pizza Nights, Fall & Spring
  - Artisan Fair, December
  - Bowling Night, Spring

Don't forget all the special 'fundraiser' items...can recycle, boxtops, soup labels, cereal coupons, Shaw's receipts, etc. More will come directly from PAC in their newsletters.

CHECK [www.dayspringag.org](http://www.dayspringag.org) for updated information.

"T4G" is coming...don't miss being a part!