



Head...lines

A periodic newsletter from your Administrator - Frank C. Rydwansky

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Welcome back (almost) to school!

From the Administrator...

Here's the first 2010-11 edition of Head...lines, our DCA periodic newsletter designed to let you know what's happening. School is a few weeks away and a lot is happening! 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 great year at DCA as we manage our way through the global changes impacting us all. We continue to work to improve life at Dayspring, both visibly and organizationally, and really need your help and support in prayer, attendance and financially.

Key Items & Events...

- BE SURE TO HAVE ALL OF LAST YEAR'S AND NEW SCHOOL YEAR FINANCIALS IN ORDER. THANK YOU TO THE MAJORITY OF FAMILIES WHO ARE "ALL SET".
- AFTERCARE USE WILL REQUIRE A BEGINNING DEPOSIT TO ASSURE A STEADY CASHFLOW TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. SEE THE "Aftercare Prepaid Deposit Form".
- BE HERE FOR "MEET YOUR TEACHER" NIGHT, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31st FROM 5 TO 7 PM. SEE THE CLASSROOM, AND PICK-UP BOOKS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. BECAUSE OF CHURCH EVENTS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A GROUP MEETING, BUT WILL HAVE A PACKET OF KEY INFORMATION ABOUT PARKING, TRAFFIC AND DISMISSAL CHANGES AND POLICIES DUE TO THE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS.
- THE DEMAND FOR FINANCIAL AID IS MUCH GREATER THIS YEAR AND WE HAVE GIVEN AS MUCH AS AVAILABLE. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST...YET MAY NOT MEET THE NEED. The "Families Helping Families" program is still in effect...accepting donations.

Summer Summary...

- REMINDER: If you owe DCA any \$'s from 2009-10, all must be in by August 31st, or arrangements made with Darlene in our Admissions office. Also, the initial \$400- must be paid for the 2010-11 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!
- Staff & Faculty -due to enrollment shifts various teachers have moved to other grades. The line-up is: PreSchool - D. Plumb/L. Souto; Kindergarten - C. Bushway/K. Sheppard; Grade 1-R.Landry/J. Burgio; Grade 2-M. Williams/C. Hill; Grade 3-D. Wilson/R. Bootland; Grade 4-T. King; Grade 5-J. Golembowski; Middle School...Social Studies-M. Gilbert; Math-B. Cabral; Science-J. Motta; Language Arts-E. Gallo; Bible/IT-R. Lavalley; Specialists...Gym/Student Affairs-E. Squibb; Music-C. Shillan; Art-N. Juarez; Spanish-A. Agustin; Library-K. Theroux; Aides-M. Reed; L. McNeill; D. Rudkowski; Leah Carbary; A. Guinn; C. Hall; D. Iannelli...plus aftercare help, as required.
- Parent Handbook Changes are few at best...an updated Handbook is being prepared.
- School Hours start at 8:00AM. PLEASE BE ON TIME! We'll continue an activity period on Wednesdays. Dismissal will change: Middle School will be dismissed separately...to be announced. A new plan is being developed and will be announced on back-to-school night.
- Curriculum: With the exception of workbooks, all curriculum is owned by DCA and re-used, as required, from year-to-year. Please be sure that books are covered and cared for.

- The hot lunch program will continue with Whitson with minimum change. Check the website.
- Painting & cleaning of halls and rooms - all areas have been painted or cleaned. Carpets have been scrubbed as best as possible. The parking lot is being paved and playground seal coated.
- 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 all classes, except for 2nd grade. Bring a friend and get \$150- toward tuition. We'd 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 Tuesday, August 31st for all parents. You will meet with faculty and staff who 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.** Thursday, September 2nd is the first full day of school. Dayspring will run a similar holiday and vacation schedule to the Attleboro school system.

Organization...

Enclosed is key contact information. We will again use "SchoolReach"...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 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 or check. Thanks to all who used SCRIP through the summer months.
- **Extended Care and Aftercare information will be coming. Changes will include prepayment and extended hours, to 5:30, 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, 2010. **VERY IMPORTANT.**
- **CONTACT INFORMATION** -We will need your latest contact information as we move to install a new school management system that will allow parents on-line access to homework, grades and finances. Look for announcements early in the school year.
- **PAC** - Parent Advisory Council meetings will continue in September. Sign-up for volunteer work and support PAC programs throughout the year. The first will be an all school cookout on Friday, September 17th. More will come directly from PAC in their newsletters.

CHECK www.dayspringag.org for updated information.