



Davis School for Independent Study

Marsha Ludwig, Principal

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Dear DSIS Families:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year at Davis School for Independent Study. I have already had quite a few conversations with the students about their adventures during the summer. They seem fresh and ready to start a new year. I, too, am ready for my second year as principal of this wonderful school and hope to get to know you even better.

This year we have two open seats on the Site Council and Positive School Climate Committees. We have been fortunate to have Cathy Wilkin and Marcia Berry for two years but their terms are up in November. This is a rewarding opportunity for parents to make a difference in their child's educational opportunities. The **Site Council** is a group of parents, students, and staff who come together to advise the school staff on educational program priorities and portions of the school budget. All members of our DSIS community are welcome and encouraged to come to the DSIS Site Council meetings monthly throughout the school year in order to share ideas and take part in discussion. The **Positive School Climate Committee** works on developing ways to connect students to the school in positive ways. The Positive School Climate Committee meets from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., with the Site Council Meeting directly following from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The first meetings will be **October 3, 2007**. Please contact me at mludwig@djustd.k12.ca.us or at 530-757-5333 if you are interested in contributing your time for such important causes.

Back-to-School Night is **September 10, 2007** from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers and visit with staff and parents. In addition, free previously used textbooks will be available for any family interested in adding to their library of resources.

If students want an identification card, they **MUST** get their picture taken on the School Picture Day scheduled for **September 12, 2007** starting at 8:30 a.m. Students do not need to purchase any pictures in order to get their picture taken.

In response to community and district requests, the police department is addressing truancy more diligently this year. Students will need to show school identification when in the community without adult supervision during school hours when asked.

We have a new and improve computer lab. The lab is open to students during regular hours except during computer classes and workshops. The schedule of classes will be posted on the computer lab door. An **Internet Use Agreement must be signed** by the parent/guardian and student before a student may be given a password and use the computers. Please remind students to log off of the computer when they are done, to handle software disks carefully, and to put them away when they are done with them. If you are new to our school and/or the lab or just need a refresher, please see your teacher or Mrs. T about an orientation to the lab.

As the returning parents know, parking at DSIS can be a difficult proposition. Please park on the street and not in the lot because the lot is for school and district office staff. Please come into the parking lot using the ENTER driveway and leave by way of the EXIT driveway. Please drive slowly through the parking lot.

DSIS is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00a.m-5:00p.m; Wednesday from 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m. and Friday from 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. The school is closed on holidays and teacher work days during the school year.

If at anytime you have a question or a concern or just want to stop by and chat, please feel free to do so. I wish all of you a wonderful school year.

Fondly,

Marsha Ludwig