

Welcome to DSIS!



2010-11 School Year

We Welcome New DSIS Staff

Jamie Wales is our new Math teacher and Barbara Sells is our new school psychologist.

School Hours

DSIS is open Monday from 8-3:00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:00AM-5:00PM, and Friday from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The school is closed on holidays and teacher work days during the school year.

Teacher Meeting

In an effort to coordinate and collaborate, Christine, Cathy and Amy will all begin meetings at 10 minutes after the hour and finish on the hour. We are continuing to try to do our best to keep our meeting times to 50 minutes. It is often hard to be limited to this time but it will help your DSIS teacher to be prepared when you arrive and accomplish paperwork tasks.

Photocopier

While reviewing our very tight budget, we found that copying and paper costs consume a major portion of our budget. At this time, we no longer have a code for parents to use. If you need to make copies related to DSIS schoolwork, please talk to your homeschool teacher. We all need to be prudent in the use of the copier. We want everyone to have what he or she needs, but our budget is very tight and every copy is counted.

DSIS computer lab

The computer lab is open to students when the school is open except during computer classes and workshops. The schedule of classes will be posted on the computer lab door. Please

remind students to log off of the computer when they are done and to handle software disks carefully and 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 DSIS teacher or Mrs. T about getting an orientation to the Lab. Mrs. T will be at DSIS on Tuesdays, 10:00-12:30, Wednesdays, 9:30-2:00, and Thursdays, 1-3.

Workshops –Workshops will be starting September 14th

Please sign-up for workshops in the North Wing so that we know how many students to expect and prepare for in each group. Next week you will receive a description of the offerings for each grade level.

Classes - for grades 7th - 12th will begin meeting on August 30th

Classes in topics including math, computers, study skills, Biology, leadership, yearbook, writing and art are available to junior high and high school aged students. These classes are run similarly to college classes in that a small group works with a teacher one or two times a week, has homework, projects and tests from that teacher, and gets a grade from that teacher. To find out more about what is available please talk to your DSIS teacher. DSIS classes will start the week of August 30th.

Reminder: "Classes" and "Workshops" are different. While the workshop schedule is occasionally interrupted for special activities (like Apple Pie Day or the Valentine's Talent Show), classes meet every week unless the teacher specifically tells students otherwise.

Davis Joint Unified School District Music program grades 4-6 information

The DJUSD 4-6 grade music program parent meetings information is on the DJUSD website. http://www.djUSD.net/district/docs/enrollment/regdocs_en1011/19-EN-instmus At the meeting, parents will get information about having their child attend music instruction at the elementary school near their home.

Attendance at one of these meetings is mandatory for you and your child, if you would like your child to participate in the music program.

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Strings Meetings

Tuesday, September 7, Patwin MPR 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8, Patwin MPR 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 9, Patwin MPR 7:30 p.m.

5th & 6th Grade Band Meetings

Tuesday, September 7- 7:30 p.m. Emerson Jr. High
Wednesday, September 8- 7:30 p.m. Emerson Jr. High

DSIS mailboxes

Our mailboxes are newly organized! This year each teacher will have a column to house a mailbox for each family. Please remember to check your DSIS mailbox regularly. You will be getting information about DSIS events and fliers from the DJUSD. Teachers also use these boxes to send home things students have worked on in workshops or that have been accidentally left behind at school.

Scholastic book orders

Cathy organizes book orders for our school, and this year there will be several opportunities to order from Scholastic. Ordering can now be done online and more information will follow. If you are interested in ordering or have questions, please let Cathy or your DSIS teacher know.

Would you like to be part of a DSIS homeschool family contact list?

We are putting together a DSIS family phone list and e-mail list and you will find the master copy in the lobby of the North Wing. If you are a returning family we ask that you check over

your information, edit as needed, and initial it, indicating you would like to remain part of the contact list. If you are new to DSIS, please add the information you would like to be shared with our homeschool families on the same master list.

Monday Message

We distribute a weekly email message to our homeschool families every Monday morning. The Message contains reminders, announcements of upcoming events and changes to the normal workshop schedule. We will be sending out the Monday message by e-mail using the contact list information collected. If you do not communicate by email, please let your DSIS teacher know.

Fieldtrip Emergency Forms

Field trip paperwork has multiplied! Please fill out and return the attached forms. We need an Student Emergency form for each child you have enrolled at DSIS. We also need an Adult/Driver Emergency form for parents, as well as the Request to Transport Own Child form. From time to time we also need volunteer drivers to transport students other than their own. If you are willing to help with transportation, please complete the Carpooling/Volunteer Use of Auto form. Note that this form includes a request for proof of insurance. These forms cover your child and you for all DSIS fieldtrips during the 2010-11 school year in the event of an emergency situation during a fieldtrip. Please remember that, in addition to these forms, each child will need a permission slip to attend each fieldtrip throughout the year. Watch for announcements and sign-ups for fieldtrips on the board in our lobby.

School Pictures/DSIS Student ID Cards

Wednesday, September 8th is picture day. Please mark your calendar and plan to stop in to have your picture taken as Lifetouch will be providing our ID cards. Even if you do not intend to purchase photos, we ask that everyone take photos so they are included in class pictures and the yearbook.

Consumable Workbooks

Some consumable workbooks for grades K-8 are provided by our school district as a result of the agreement made with publishers when textbooks were purchased. These include Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies practice books for K-5 and English, Spelling, Math and Social Studies study guides for grades 6-8.

In response to parent requests, we have K-5 Spelling workbooks that are currently available to check out, but not to use as consumables. However, they are also available to purchase through our school. Please see your DSIS teacher or Melinda if you would like to purchase a book. Books cost \$14 apiece and checks should be made payable to DJUSD. Scholarships are available.

Site Council

This group is made up of DSIS students, parents, and staff. The important job of this elected body is to represent the school community in making recommendations and decisions to help us be the best that we can be, including making decisions about how to spend our School Improvement budget. We appreciate the following parents who will serve on the council this year: Ann Campbell, Chris Wellborn and Marcia Berry. Likewise, we appreciate the student contingent: Elizabeth Chen. All members of our DSIS community are welcome and encouraged to come to the monthly DSIS Site Council meetings in order to share ideas and take part in discussion. Our first meeting of the year is on September 15th. Thereafter, meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:00-1:00 PM in the Blue Room.

Student Name on work...

Please help out your DSIS teacher by having your child put his or her name on any work that will be turned in. This will save your teacher time during our hectic paperwork crunch times and assure that we meet the state requirement of having student names on all work samples.

Playground Supervision and Expectations

We welcome families to use our outdoor space in the North Wing. Students must be supervised by a parent or other adult when outside. To ensure everyone's safety and to help maintain our equipment we will post a set of playground expectations outside. In that way, our school needs for safe supervision and play are clear and met.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found located in the North Wing lobby. There are several nice items that were left behind last year and we would love to see them return to their owners.

Give Away Shelf

We have a give away shelf for homeschooling families to share and exchange materials. Please check it out and take materials that would be useful. Likewise, feel free to bring in materials that you are no longer using and leave them on the shelf for someone else.



August and September DSIS Events

August 25th First Day of School

August 31st “Now that I’m homeschooling...” 11-12:30 Room 1 of North Wing

We want to welcome our new families to DSIS and have time for families to share their experience and wisdom on homeschooling. Please join us in Room 1 to meet new families, share ideas and answer questions about homeschooling.

September 2nd Curriculum and Resources Meeting 1 – 2:00

Join us for an overview of the math, science and social studies materials currently in use in the district. You will have a chance to become more familiar with the texts and also be able to ask questions of Christine, Cathy and Amy.

September 6th Labor Day – DSIS Closed

September 8th Kickball “Kick-Off the School Year” Game 10-12:00 We want to welcome everyone back to DSIS and give families a chance to visit. Join us for a rousing game of kickball across the street at the baseball diamond. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy together afterwards.

September 8th from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM School Picture Day – Orange Room

Be sure to come have your photo taken for your school ID and class photos even if you do not intend to purchase portraits. A make-up time will also be announced for retakes and for those who can not come this day.

September 8th Site Council Meeting 12-1:00 Blue Room

Everyone is welcome.

September 14th Workshops start this week

We look forward to seeing everyone in these workshops! Please see the handout on workshops for more information (that will come next week) and sign-up in the North Wing so we’ll have an idea of how many students to expect.

September 15th Potluck at 5:30 p.m. and Back to School Night at 6 p.m.

In order to welcome everyone back to school, we will gather for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. in the Orange room in the main DSIS building. Please bring a salad or appetizer to share. This is a chance to invite family members and friends who are busy during regular school hours to come see our school. Our principal and teachers will be on-hand to say hello and answer any questions you have about our school. Obsolete math and other materials will be available free by the front door so be sure to stop by the table.

September 21st Orientation to the DSIS Library at 10:10 or 1:10 for Parents

While students are attending workshops Melinda Zimmerman will tour parents through the DSIS library, show parents how to check out books when Melinda is not at school, and orient people to OPAC our computerized library catalog system. She is planning on meeting parents at the library desk at 10:10 and a second time at 1:10. Students will also be orientated to the library during computer workshop classes.