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Back to School – August 28

THE 2006/2007 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS AUG. 28

Citywide Back to School Rally Planned for Aug. 26

The St. Louis Public Schools have teamed up with a group of fantastic sponsors to host a citywide back to school rally on Aug. 26. Our co-sponsors include the YMCA of Greater St. Louis, Hot 104.1, Foxy 95.5, and Fox 2 – KTVI.

The festivities will run from noon until 5:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- YMCA of Greater St. Louis on Page
- Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club at Cass & Grand

Each location will have free giveaways, including school supplies and other goodies. Each site will also be offering “Community Cuts for Kids,” to provide kids with free haircuts thanks to Craig Blac, morning show host on Hot 104.1.

Several local and national celebrities are expected to attend this year’s rally.

The rallies will give students the opportunity to gather needed information to help prepare them to prepare for Aug. 28, the first day of school. For additional details, keep listening to Hot 104.1, Foxy 95.5, or watch for details on Fox 2.

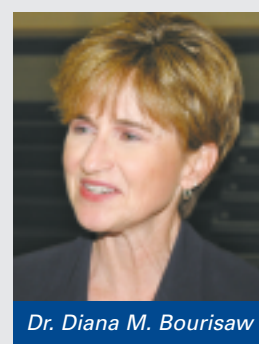


Back to School Family Fun Day – Aug. 19

The 2nd Annual Back to School Family Fun Day will be held on Aug. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gateway Complex.

Superintendent’s Corner

WELCOME to a new year at the St. Louis Public Schools. Whether you are a parent, student, or a member of our community, you have an important role to play in the success of our schools.



Dr. Diana M. Bourisaw

People often think that the job of improving our schools is the sole responsibility of teachers, principals, superintendents or politicians. That’s not true.

Improving schools is a job for all of us – including you, your family, and your neighbors. Schools reflect their community, and the community must be involved in the life of its schools.

When I say “your” school and “your” district, I mean it. The schools belong to you. You pay for them with your taxes. The future of your child, your neighborhood, your workplace, and your city depend on the quality of the schools. So these certainly are “your” schools, and it’s “your” district. Take pride in that, and get involved.

This is an important time for the St. Louis Public Schools. Many exciting changes are taking place.

We want you to be part of the change. Consider this first edition of our newsletter to be your invitation. It has articles on a wide range of topics, including high-school reform, community education, college preparation, homework tips, and parent involvement. I hope you find these stories valuable, and that you will be inspired to help us improve education in our city, one child at a time.

Thank you, and best wishes for a happy 2006-2007 school year.

Diana M. Bourisaw, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent of the
St. Louis Public Schools



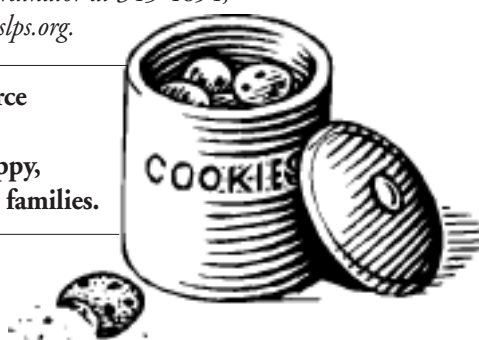
SLPS Parent Resource Center

Be a smart cookie! Hungry for ideas? The Parent Resource Center is loaded with helpful “ingredients.” We offer information, workshops and family events for parents, caregivers and families. Visit our College Corner. Register to Vote. Get assistance with Income Tax Preparation and FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) forms. Find answers and help pertaining to important topics like: Teen Years, Healthy Families, Planning for High School and College, Bullying, Homework, etc.

We’re also happy to link you to resources, services, opportunities and events in our district and community.

The Parent Resource Center is located at 801 N. 11th Street in the External Engagement Department, Room 1-4. For more information, call Kate Stewart, Parent Resource Center Coordinator at 345-4694, email; kate.stewart@slps.org.

The Parent Resource Center... offering ingredients for happy, healthy, successful families.



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President’s Corner

Dear SLPS Parents,

Like many of you, I take on many roles every day. I am a spouse, mother, community volunteer and active citizen. I take my responsibilities in these roles very seriously. My husband Mark and I find our roles as parents the most demanding, and yet the most rewarding.

I can hardly believe summer is drawing to a close. I’ll miss the sound of the door opening and closing frequently throughout the day as our children dash in and out between their summer activities. I’ll miss the quiet of no alarm clock ringing in the morning to awaken them to get ready for school. I’ll miss the sound of their flip-flops pattering on the kitchen floor.

Soon we’ll be turning the page on the calendar and a new school year will begin. We’ll make the school supply excursion; pens, pencils, binders, highlighters, planners and backpacks galore. So many choices! The little blocks on the calendar will become full of practices, PTO events, scout meetings, classmate birthday parties and games that we’ll barely be able to read the date. According to the calendar, our lives look full. But the fullness also is an indication of loneliness. The summer’s peacefulness and slower pace will disappear and give way to the sound of alarm clocks ringing, backpacks being zipped, water running in the shower and closet doors opening and closing as Sarah and Taylor search for jackets, sneakers and uniforms.

My husband Mark and I experience the same anxiety that reappears every year at this time... Will the children have good teachers? Will they make the team? Will they remember their lunch money? Will they have more homework this year? All we can do as parents is hope that we’ve prepared them well for another school year.

As your Board President, I care about your children. I want every child in this district to have access to a quality education, be happy, healthy and successful. I ask for your support in helping SLPS achieve those goals for your child, their friends and their classmates.

Sincerely,



Veronica O'Brien,
President of the Board,
St. Louis Public Schools



Veronica O’Brien

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Diana M. Bourisaw, Ph.D.

2006-2007 SLPS Schools

Elementary Schools	Grades	Principal	Address	Phone
Adams	PS – 6	Jeanetta Stegall	1311 Tower Grove Ave.	535-3910
Ames VPA	PS – 5	JaVeeta Parks	2900 Hadley	241-7165
Ashland	PS – 6	Shonta Smith	3921 No. Newstead	385-4767
Baden @ Walnut Park (A/C Project)	PS – 6	Alila Barr	5814 Thekla	388-2477
Bryan Hill @ Marshall (A/C Project)	PS – 5	Carole Johnson	4342 Aldine	534-0370
Buder	PS – 6	Monica Isaac	5319 Lansdowne Ave.	352-4343
Clark eMints	PS – 6	Cynthia Warren	1020 No. Union Blvd.	367-1505
Clay	PS – 5	Donna Owens	3820 No. 14th St.	231-9608
Cole eMints	PS – 7	Stella Erundu	3935 Enright	533-0894
Columbia	PS – 7	Judith Dickson-Durham	3120 St. Louis Ave.	533-2750
Cote Brilliante @ Cupples (A/C Project)	K – 6	Karen Jones	4908 Cote Brilliante Ave.	531-8680
Dewey IS	PS – 5	Ann Russek	6746 Clayton	645-4845
Dunbar	PS – 6	TBD	1415 No. Garrison Ave.	533-2526
Farragut	PS – 6	Joyce Wilkes-Love	4025 Sullivan Ave.	531-1198
Ford	PS – 6	Denise Seegers	1383 Clara Ave.	383-0836
Froebel	PS – 5	Mamie Womack	3709 Nebraska Ave.	771-3533
Gallaudet HI	K – 12	Gloria Shelton	1616 S. Grand	771-2894
Gateway Math & Science Elem.	PS – 6	Richard Sirna	#4 Gateway Dr.	241-8255
Gateway-Michael	K – 8	Richard Sirna	#2 Gateway Dr.	241-0993
Gundlach	PS – 7	Mary Jensen	2931 Arlington Ave.	383-0913
Hamilton eMints @ Scullin (A/C Project)	PS – 7	Glenda Bryant	4160 No. Kingshighway	367-0552
Henry eMints	PS – 7	Lloyd Washington	1220 N. 10th Street	231-7284
Herzog	K – 7	Deidre Jackson	5831 Pamplin Place	385-2212
Hickey	PS – 5	Peggy Starks	3111 Cora Ave.	383-2550
Hodgen	PS – 5	Vasilika Tschlis	1616 California	771-2539
Jefferson	PS – 6	TBD	1301 Hogan St.	231-2459
Kennard CJA	PS – 5	Merry Denny	5031 Potomac	353-8875
Kottmeyer ECC	ECC – 2	Sally Bloom	1530 So. Grand	865-2600
Laclede	PS – 5	TBD	5821 Kennerly Ave.	385-0546
Lexington	PS – 6	Barbara Anderson	5030 Lexington Ave.	385-2522
Lyon ABI	K – 5	Donald Nabors	7417 Vermont	353-1353
Mallinckrodt ABI	PS – 5	Betty Blanchard	6020 Pernod	352-9212
Mann eMints	K – 6	Brian Zimmerman	4047 Juniata St.	772-4545
Mark Twain	PS – 7	Arthelda Busch	5316 Ruskin Ave.	381-1616
Mason eMints	K – 7	Curtis Wright	6031 Southwest Ave.	645-1201
Meramec	PS – 5	Jerome Woodson	2745 Meramec St.	353-7145
Mitchell eMints	PS – 6	Carol Henderson-Powell	955 Arcade Ave.	367-0930
Monroe eMints	PS – 7	Gerald Arbin	3641 Missouri Ave.	776-7315
Mullanphy ILC	PS – 6	Kenneth Blanton	4221 Shaw Blvd.	772-0994
Nance	PS – 6	Emma Cannon	8959 Riverview Blvd.	867-0634
Oak Hill eMints	PS – 7	Wanda LeFlore	4300 Morganford Rd.	481-0420
Peabody eMints	PS – 8	Chereyl Spann	1224 S. 14th St.	241-1533
Scruggs	PS – 5	Beverly Phillips	4611 So. Grand Blvd.	752-0604
Shaw VPA @ Roe (A/C Project)	PS – 5	Deborah Leto	1921 Prather	776-5091
Shenandoah	PS – 5	Sonya Wayne	3412 Shenandoah Ave.	772-7544
Shepard eMints	PS – 7	Carol Hall-Whittier	3450 Wisconsin Ave.	776-3664
Sherman	PS – 6	Rose Howard	3942 Flad Ave.	776-2626
Sigel	PS – 5	Christine Martchink	2050 Allen Ave.	771-0010
Simmons-Marshall MEGA	K – 6	Carey Cunningham	4318 St. Louis Ave.	535-5844
Stix ECC	ECC – 2	Florence Flieg	647 Tower Grove	533-0874
Walbridge	PS – 7	Ruth Banks	5000 Davison Ave.	383-1829
Euclid/Washington Montessori	ECC – 5	DeAndrienne Torrey	1130 No. Euclid	361-0432
Wilkinson ECC	ECC – 2	Rosalyn Mason	7212 Arsenal St.	645-1202
Woerner	K – 5	George Taubenheim	6131 Leona	481-8585
Woodward	PS – 5	Nathaniel Watlington	725 Bellerive Blvd.	353-1346
Wyman eMints	PS – 7	Gloria Shelton	1547 So. Theresa Ave.	772-9328
Middle Schools	Grades	Principal	Address	Phone
Blewett	G 7, 8	Dr. Annie Chambers	1927 Cass Ave.	231-7738
Bunche IS @ Southwest Complex	G 6, 7, 8	Carol Howard	3125 So. Kingshighway	772-1779
Busch AAA	G 6, 7, 8	Calvin Starks	5910 Clifton	352-1043
Carr Lane VPA	G 6, 7, 8	Melba Davis	1004 No. Jefferson	231-0413
Compton Drew ILC	G 6, 7, 8	Andrea Walker	5130 Oakland	652-9282
Fanning	G 6, 7, 8	Verona Bowers	3417 Grace Ave.	772-1038
Humboldt	G 6, 7, 8	Georgia Calhoun	2516 So. 9th St.	772-5566
Langston	G 6, 7, 8	Carol Barnes	5511 Wabada Ave.	383-2908
Long	G 6, 7, 8	Alva Blue	5028 Morganford Road	481-3440
L'Ouverture	G 6, 7, 8	Juanita Jones	3021 Hickory St.	664-3579
McKinley CJA	G 6, 7, 8	Brenda Smith	2156 Russell	773-0027
Stevens	G 6, 7, 8	Larry Schleicher	1033 Whittier St.	533-8550
Webster	G 7, 8	Rose Marie Johnson	2127 N. 11th St.	231-9196
Junior Prep Academies	Grades	Principal	Address	Phone
Blow Preparatory	G 7, 8, 9	Gregory Cosby	516 Loughborough Ave.	353-1349
Gateway Math & Science Peparatory	G 7, 8, 9	Vickie Rogers	1200 No. Jefferson	241-2295
Stowe Preparatory	G 7, 8, 9	Vernice Hicks	5750 Lotus Ave.	382-7310
Yeatman/Liddell Preparatory	G 7, 8, 9	Valerie Taylor	4265 Athlone Ave.	261-8132
Ninth Grade Academies				
Roosevelt @ Lafayette	G 9	Sylvia Shead	815 Ann Ave.	762-0252
Sumner @ Turner	G 9	Casey (Reed) Seals	2615 No. Billups	535-8482
Vashon @ Williams	G 9	Amy Phillips	3955 St. Ferdinand	533-0201
Small High Schools	Grades	Principal	Address	Phone
Carnahan High School of the Future	G 8, 9	Dr. Alice Roach	4041 S. Broadway	457-0582
Trans & Law Academy @ Northwest	G 8, 9	Valerie Carter-Thomas	5140 Riverview Blvd.	385-4774
High Schools	Grades	Principal	Address	Phone
Roosevelt	G 9 – 12	Shepard Pittman	3230 Hartford St.	776-6040
Sumner	G 9 – 12	Randolph Spencer	4268 W. Cottage Ave.	371-1048
Vashon	G 9 – 12	Barbara Sharp	3035 Cass Ave.	533-9487
Pruitt NJROTC	G 9 – 12	Julius Penn	1212 No. 22nd	231-1443
Beaumont	G 9 – 12	Travis Brown	3836 Natural Bridge Ave.	533-2410
Nottingham CAJT	G 9 – 12	Dr. Roland Werner	4915 Donovan Ave.	481-4095
Central VPA @ Southwest Complex	G 9 – 12	Dr. Stanley Engram	3125 S. Kingshighway	771-2772
Clyde Miller Career Academy	G 9 – 12	Steve Warmack	1000 No. Grand	371-0394
Gateway IT High	G 9 – 12	Kathryn Piller	5101 McRee	776-3300
Griscom	G 9 – 12	N/A	3847 Enright Ave.	552-2219
Meda P Washington Continuing Ed	G 9 – 12	Annette Hayes	2030 So. Vandeventer	771-4041
Metro A&C	G 9 – 12	Wilfred Moore	4015 McPherson	534-3894
Soldan IS	G 9 – 12	Dr. Thomas Cason	918 No. Union	367-9222
Madison Alternative Ed	G 9 – 12		1118 So. 7th St.	588-8750

Get in the Homework Habit!!

Homework. For most schoolchildren, doing it is the worst part of their day. Put an end to the battle, and start the new school year off right. Doing homework doesn't have to be an unpleasant experience.

Here are some simple tips for families to follow:

- **Provide a good place for your child to study.** Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to study.
- **Have school supplies available.** Is your child getting up every five minutes looking for a pencil? Keep basic school supplies within reach (paper, pencils, glue, erasers, scissors). A calculator comes in handy for older students. You can always add more supplies as needed.
- **Schedule a regular study time.** Kids hate to admit it, but they thrive on routines. Doing homework at the same time every day will make life easier for both of you. Some children like to do their homework right after school. Others need to have a snack and let off some energy. Older children may prefer to wait until after dinner. Find the time that works best for your child and keep it consistent.
- **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This is the tough one!

Televisions, phones and loud music are great, but not when your child is trying to study. You'll be doing them a BIG favor by helping them stay focused on their homework. Remember, you're not taking these things away forever!

- **Make sure your child does their own work!** Every parent wants to be helpful, but your child won't learn if you do their work for them. Kids need to learn to think for themselves, even if it means making mistakes. Your job is to be there for support, offer suggestions and help with directions.
- **Talk to your child about assignments, quizzes and tests.** Review the completed homework and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
- **Set a good example.** Read a book, newspaper, magazine, or write letters in front of your children. They're more likely to follow what they see you do than your advice.
- **Get to know your child's teacher.** Ask the instructor about his or her homework policy and how you can be involved. If your child is struggling with homework, talk with the teacher. They might be able to help identify the problem. Maybe your child can't see or hear in class, or might need to be evaluated for a learning or attention disorder.
- **Always praise your child's work and recognize their efforts.**

Follow these simple suggestions and have a great school year!

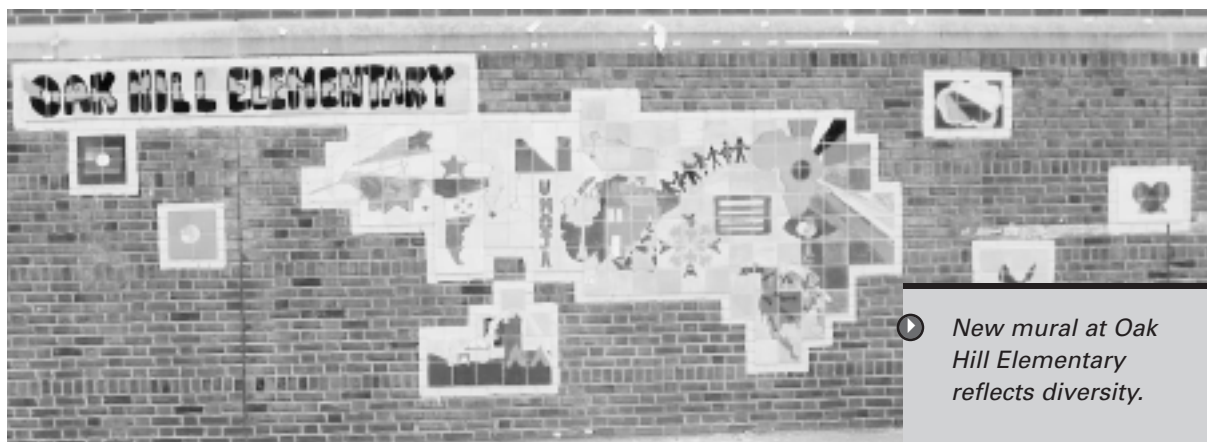
Learning today, leading tomorrow.

Special Art Mural Dedicated at Oak Hill School

Fifth grade students at Oak Hill Elementary School unveiled a special mural that reflects the school's rich ethnic and cultural diversity. The mural dedication was held June 16 on the school grounds. They developed their own creations from sketches by drawing and painting colorful designs on ceramic tiles. The tiles have been installed on the north wall of the school building facing the playground.

"Students worked very hard and really made some wonderful creations featuring symbols and images from Southeastern Europe, South America, East Asia and the Middle East," said Adrian Wright, Oak Hill's art teacher.

The mural project, along with a newly installed playground, was a collaborative effort between Oak Hill School and Craft Alliance. Emerson Electric provided funding for the project.



New mural at Oak Hill Elementary reflects diversity.

\$65 Million Available in St. Louis City and County Free Tax Preparation for Low Income Households

United Way's Gateway EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) Community Coalition will help those with incomes \$37,000 or less.

In its fourth year, the GECC (Gateway EITC Community Coalition) is again preparing to help citizens in St. Louis City and County get more of their refund tax money back by preparing their income taxes for free. The assistance focuses on individuals or families who qualify for the EITC credit and with household income of \$37,000 or less.

The target population of GECC includes all low-income individuals and families who are income-eligible and qualified to receive the EITC and/or CTC (Child Tax Credit), especially in zip code areas where the local IRS office has identified significant numbers of eligible filers that do not claim the tax credits. Many of these individuals are African Americans, Latinos, immigrants and refugees living primarily in St. Louis' inner city. The Gateway EITC Community Coalition seeks to narrow the gap between eligible households entitled to receive, but do not apply for the Earned Income Tax or Child Tax credits. Through the formation of partnerships with St. Louis Public Schools, Community Action Agencies, Churches, local city and government agencies, GECC will be able to assist a significant number of eligible families with their tax needs.

The EITC is a federal tax credit that benefits low – and moderate-income workers, even if they earn too little to pay federal income tax. These tax credits can be used as tools for meeting the expressed needs of people. Benefits of the EITC are particularly valuable for workers raising children, but very low-income workers not raising children may also qualify for a smaller credit. The EITC provides strong incentives for full-time work and has played a significant role in inducing large numbers of single mothers to enter the labor force. The EITC helps lift more working families out of poverty than any other social program.

During the "2006" tax season, Gateway EITC is planning to make available VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) free tax preparation sites in St. Louis City and St. Louis County where high concentrations of EITC filers live.

For more information on locations/ dates/times for GECC Free Tax Preparation, please contact:

Andria Jimerson
(314) 421-4636
e-mail: jimersona@stl.unitedway.org



In The Community

Looking for a cheap way to tone-up your body, challenge your mind and/or meet your neighbors? Yoga, Dancing, Music Lessons, Support for Parents, Credit Repair, Home Buying, Upholstery, Tutoring and after school activities are just a few of the classes offered through the St. Louis Public Schools’ Community Education Centers.

What is Community Education?

Community Education is a philosophy of life-long learning that engages schools, families and the broader community in a process designed to establish and meet educational and community goals.

What Does That Mean?

It means that the city of St. Louis and the Board of Education have an infrastructure that supports the use of 16 public school buildings by the community in ways to enhance academic achievement and enrich community life. Programs of activity at Community Education Centers are planned with the community. Each Center has a Community Council comprised of residents and school personnel. This Council works together to identify community needs, interests and set in place a program that targets those needs and interests.

What Is the Role of Community Councils?

A Community Council can help determine your community’s needs. Does your community need inviting, interesting after school programs that provide safe and enriching activities for young people? Maybe the adults in your neighborhood, who may or may not have children in the public schools, would like to access the technology labs and learn how to publish family or community web pages. In the quest for fit bodies and peaceful minds, a gospel aerobics class might make sense for your neighborhood. Community Councils, working with school personnel, determine the program.

What are Community Education Centers?

Community Education Centers are public school buildings that stay open for community use from the time that school ends until 9:00 pm. Check out our website for more information <http://www.slps.org> and click on the Community Education link under Events. Your Community Education Center invites your feedback and support. Contact the Coordinator at the Center nearest you!

Bevo-Long Middle CEC
353-1034

Carondelet-Blow Middle CEC
353-1599

Clay Elementary CEC
231-9249

Fanning Middle CEC
865-4894

Ford Elementary CEC
383-7001

Hamilton Elementary CEC
367-6996

Jefferson Elementary CEC
621-0707

Nottingham CEC
352-1163

Shaw Elementary VPA/CEC
776-4327

Sherman Elementary CEC
772-9550

Sigel Elementary CEC
865-5050

Stevens Middle CEC
531-6160

Turner Mega Magnet Middle CEC
535-8482

Vashon High CEC
652-9961

Walbridge Elementary CEC
261-8282

Yeatman-Liddell Middle CEC
261-8134



FEATURED STORY

In the Spotlight

Imagine a state of the art facility saturated with technology that you can access 24/7. Imagine being on a fast track to a successful career, while completing your high school education in just THREE YEARS! Imagine learning from some of the finest college professors in the field of Education while you are in high school. Imagine the personal attention and quality of education at a high school with no more than 500 students. Imagine having transportation provided for your 9th grade year. You don’t have to imagine any of this anymore. It’s not a dream, it’s a reality.

It’s a new school year, and an exciting experience awaits some of our children. Many of them have chosen to participate in the district’s Small High School Initiative. These student “pioneers” will be attending two newly reconfigured schools; Northwest High School, and Carnahan High School. The new schools, each with a unique, specialized program focus, will provide these eager learners with intimate, personalized learning environments enabling them to engage in learning that is supported by powerful partnerships with leaders in industry and education. The schools will provide a rigorous and engaging college preparatory curriculum, dual high school/college enrollment opportunities, and exemplary instructional leadership.

▶ Each school has space for 125 incoming 9th graders. Applications are still being accepted and are available in the Office of Recruitment and Counseling, 801 N. 11th Street, 314-633-5200, or online at www.slps.org.



CARNAHAN HIGH SCHOOL

Carnahan High School (CHS) is truly a school of the future. “Techies” will thrive at this school with technology and adaptive learning being in the spotlight. Students enrolled at CHS will experience technology interwoven throughout curriculum content and delivery, increased digital literacy, enhanced school-to-home communication, paperless instruction,

“anytime/anywhere” instruction, and technologically-driven extra-curricular and social activities. The school offers dual academic tracks, college preparatory and technology, and compliments both tracks with internships. Carnahan High School is supported through strong partnerships with Dell, AT&T, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.



NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

Northwest High School is the first school in our district to implement a year-round school calendar with a trimester schedule. This one-of-a-kind schedule will allow students to complete their high school requirements in just three years. The Law and Transportation Academy, with a “hands-on” focus, will guide students on a career path and help them achieve career goals in the areas of law, law enforcement, or the automotive industry. Students will have

the opportunity to explore law and law enforcement careers, including lawyer, judge, police officer, crime scene investigator, and FBI agent. They will also be exposed to transportation career strands in automotive collision and automotive maintenance technology. The curriculum design includes mandatory work-study, student portfolios, and extended study modules. Students will enjoy a variety of learning environments ranging from classroom to an industry work site.



New Program Prepares Students for Careers in Public Safety

Enrollment limited to 50 students

A high school career training initiative promises to help students jumpstart careers in law enforcement and firefighting. The St. Louis Police and Firefighter Training Program will get underway this fall. The program represents a collaborative effort involving St. Louis Public Schools, St. Louis Fire Department, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

The St. Louis Police and Firefighter Training Program is a four-year project that includes a two-year high school component, community college classes for approximately two years and a two-summer paid internship module. Fifty high school students will be selected for the inaugural class.

High school students will spend the first two years in an after-school capacity. They will matriculate through the program for two years, then matriculate to St. Louis Community College at Forest Park where they can earn an associate's degree.

Students completing the program can earn up to 13 college credits while in high school. Those enrolled will be known as cadets. St. Louis Community College Chancellor Henry Shannon emphasized the importance of having a "seamless" plan to move students from high school to college.

Development of the curriculum is a joint effort. The training emphasizes academic growth and physical fitness, as well as basic knowledge and skills pertaining to careers with the police and fire departments.

"It's an excellent opportunity to learn about public safety," said St. Louis Fire Chief Sherman George. George added that under the program, cadets will have the opportunity to earn Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification by completing fire department training.

"I know this initiative is going to be a great venture," said Lt. Colonel David Heath of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Classes will be held at the St. Louis Metropolitan Police

Department Training Academy, the St. Louis Fire Department Training Academy, and St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. St. Louis Public Schools will fund cadet tuition and textbook expenses, as well as provide uniforms and student transportation. The program gets underway Sept. 12.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES:

- Sept. 6, 2006**
Orientation at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park
- Sept. 12, 2006**
Classes begin at Police and Fire Academies
- Sept. 13, 2006**
Classes begin at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park
- Dec. 14, 2006**
First Semester ends
- Jan. 2, 2007**
Second Semester begins
- May 31, 2007**
Program semester ends

PROGRAM HOURS AND SITES:

- Police Academy**
4:00-6:00 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
315 S. Tucker Blvd.
- Fire Academy**
4:00-6:00 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
1421 N. Jefferson
- St. Louis Community College-Forest Park**
4:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesdays
5600 Oakland Avenue

Program benefits include:

- 13 college credits earned while in high school
- Ability to earn Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification before college
- Training in actual police academy and fire academy settings
- Realistic view of police and firefighter careers
- Weekly exposure to career role models
- Opportunity for expanded career exploration and college preparation
- Paid transportation to training sites
- Uniforms provided

Entrance Requirements for the SLPFTP Program

- St. Louis City residency
 - Junior status and a GPA of "C" or better
 - No more than 8 unexcused absences during the sophomore year
 - Two letters of recommendation: one from a community representative and one from a school representative
 - Completed application and successful interview
 - Valid State ID or Missouri Driver's License
 - Proof of current physical examination less than one year old
 - Successful drug screening
 - Successful background check (no felonies), including fingerprinting
- Interested students may apply at their current high school, or at SLPS District Headquarters, 801 N 11th Street, in the Career and Technical Education Office. For more information, please call the Office of Career and Technical Education at 314-345-4555.*

School Bus Rules

Riding the school bus is a privilege – not a right. Improper behavior may result in a student being removed from riding the bus either on a temporary or permanent basis. Any offense committed by a student on a district-owned or contracted bus shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school. The bus is an extension of the classroom and misbehavior will not be tolerated. Two (2) digital cameras are on every bus to record the activity that occurs throughout the bus and at the bus door.

1. The bus driver is in charge. Students must obey the driver.
2. Students are to ride their assigned busses.

Student Responsibilities

Waiting to Board a Bus

1. Arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes ahead of your scheduled pick-up time. The bus must leave at the designated time.
2. Stand well away from the street as the bus approaches.
3. Do not attempt to board the bus until it has come to a complete stop and its doors are opened.
4. Form a quiet, uniform line to board.
5. Littering or damaging property on or near the bus stop is prohibited. Keep sidewalks clear of books, clothing and other articles.
6. Observe all rules of conduct governing student behavior.
7. Report any suspicious persons or activities to a principal, parent, or guardian.
8. Remain with the group and do not talk to strangers or get into a stranger's vehicle.

Riding the Bus

1. Be seated immediately and remain facing forward. Remain seated until the bus arrives at your stop and you receive instructions to unload.
2. Hold books and all personal items in your lap. Do not block the aisle.
3. Pets and animals of any kind are not permitted on the bus.
4. Extending arms, legs or head out of the bus is prohibited.
5. Throwing objects on the bus or out of the window is prohibited.
6. Refrain from distracting or talking to the bus driver except in an emergency.
7. Tampering with or damaging bus equipment is prohibited. Student and/or parent/guardians will be held liable.
8. Fighting, pushing, shoving or creating loud disturbances is prohibited.
9. Smoking, eating and drinking are not permitted.
10. Place trash in receptacle provided near front of bus.
11. Use of profanity or obscene gestures is prohibited.
12. Weapons and dangerous instruments of any kind are prohibited.
13. Be aware that the St. Louis Metropolitan Police may stop and search any school bus at any time for illegal items. Students found with weapons, liquor, drugs, etc. will be arrested.
14. Observe all rules of conduct governing student behavior.

Responsibilities of Parents

1. Read, discuss and review these guidelines and the transportation section of the Student Rights and Responsibilities related to Conduct (SRRRC) booklet.
2. Encourage your children to observe all established guidelines.
3. Get to know your child's bus driver.
4. Report to the Transportation Division (314-367-6074) any related traffic hazards or abuses of any school bus observed operating carelessly.
5. Report all observed misconduct on school busses and at school bus stops to the principal.
6. Place identification of your child where the bus driver can retrieve it, if necessary.
7. Report to the police any strangers observed at or near bus pick up/drop off points.
8. See that children are at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.



▶ St. Louis Fire Chief Sherman George, Lolita Hardiman of St. Louis Public Schools, Lt. Col. David Heath and St. Louis Community College Chancellor Henry Shannon.

Dr. Diana M. Bourisaw
Introduced as Interim
Superintendent

St. Louis – Dr. Diana M. Bourisaw was officially introduced as the Interim Superintendent by the St. Louis Board of Education on July 14.

“Today is a new day for the St. Louis Public Schools,” said Veronica O’Brien, President of the Board of Education. “I am proud to introduce Dr. Bourisaw to you today and I’m sure the community will quickly learn what a dynamic person she is,” O’Brien said.

Dr. Bourisaw says her first priority is getting all schools open on Aug. 28. “I can assure parents, students, and community leaders that every classroom will have a teacher, there will be a desk for every student, and all the buses will be running,” said Bourisaw.

“There are three critical areas that must be addressed in this district, including:

- **The declining enrollment.** The enrollment has decreased by 10,000, from 44,100 students in 2000 to 34,000 students today.
- **Academic achievement among students.** While performance within St. Louis Public Schools is higher than charter schools, we can and will do better.
- **A looming budget crisis.** District revenue has been significantly reduced in the past three fiscal years. At the same time, the costs of goods and services have increased. We must get our fiscal house in order.”

Prior to accepting the position of Interim Superintendent of the St. Louis Public Schools, Dr. Bourisaw served as the President of Education Options, a Missouri consulting firm specializing in organizational, policy, accountability, and financial reviews focusing on high poverty districts. She has also served as the Executive Vice President of DHR International, an executive search and consulting firm, since 2003.

She was the interim State Supervisor for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, a position in which she oversaw accreditation reviews for school districts across the state.

Dr. Bourisaw has served as a superintendent of the Fox C-6 School District, an 11,000-student school district in Arnold Missouri, and as Area Superintendent in the Sacramento City Unified School District, a 50,000 school district in Sacramento, California. During the time she was in Fox C-6, the district realized improved student achievement at all levels, the dropout rate reduced by half, increased district fund balances and increased student attendance. In Sacramento, Dr. Bourisaw was the area Superintendent responsible for 16 schools with an enrollment of 14,000 students.

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Over 13,300 Enrolled in
Summer School

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SLPS parents were asked to send their kids to summer school. Eighth grade students were mandated to attend summer school. Parents and students alike

responded with a summer school enrollment topping 13,310. The number of 8th graders enrolled totaled 2, 297 in the first two weeks. By the second week of the program, eighty-seven percent of eighth grade students were participating. Parents saw the need for summer school and rose to the occasion.

The summer academic program, which started June 5, had been completely redesigned to accelerate the learning of students who were not proficient in communication arts or mathematics. Students who did not require intervention were enrolled in a summer science camp.

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New Reading Rooms to Be
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Dr. Benjamin Carson and baseball legend Lou Brock attend grand opening of first reading room at Gateway Elementary.

Dr. Benjamin Carson, the famed neurosurgeon and director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University, and baseball legend Lou Brock visited Gateway Elementary School on June 16 to announce a \$10,000 donation for the establishment of reading rooms in eight city schools. The reading rooms are the result of a partnership between the St. Louis Public Schools and St. Louis University School of Medicine through a grant obtained by the Multicultural Initiative for New Doctors (MIND) from the Bureau of Health Professions.

The eight schools receiving reading rooms include Mullanphy Investigative Learning Center, Shaw Visual and Performing Arts, Kennard Classical Junior Academy, Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts, Busch AAA, Gateway Middle, Compton-Drew Investigative Learning Center, and Gateway Elementary. The reading rooms will consist of books

and other educational materials designed to enhance the school’s curriculum.

Dr. Carson, who was joined by his wife Candy, spoke to Gateway students about his upbringing and positive impact that reading had on his life. “My mother had a third grade education but she always pushed us to accomplish great things,” said Carson. He suggested that students begin watching less television and read more books of diverse subjects. “The key to success in any field is reading because reading causes you to use your imagination,” he said.

In 1987, Dr. Carson made medical history by separating a pair of Siamese twins. He has written several books, including Gifted Hands and Think Big, which became best sellers. His visit was a collaborative effort between SLPS and St. Louis University Medical School.

Former St. Louis Cardinals baseball player and hall-of-famer Lou Brock and his wife Jacqueline made a surprise visit at Gateway Elementary during the event. Brock also encouraged the students to develop a love for reading.



Dr. Benjamin Carson
speaks to students at
Gateway Elementary.



Back To School

As we enter into the latter part of the summer, it is now time to begin planning for the start of the new school year. In addition to stocking up on pencils, notebook paper, and notebooks there are very important activities that need to be taken care of to ensure your son or daughter starts the school year in the best of health.

Physicals

If your child has not seen his or her doctor for a complete physical exam in the past year then you should schedule an appointment now. The American Academy of Pediatricians recommends regular physical examinations for children between three and 18 years of age. It is very important for children to see a doctor each year so that the growth and development can be monitored and to allow for early detection of health concerns. Besides, it is much more fun to go to the doctor when they are not “sick” and you can talk about how they are doing in school. If your child has been to the doctor for a complete physical in the past 12 months and you were told there was no need to return for another year then ask for a physical examination report form to present to the school nurse to document the exam in our student health records.

There are special instances when a completed physical exam report is required for students, including:

- All students enrolling in the school district for the first time, regardless of the student’s age or grade.
- All students who had been previously enrolled in the school district, but are returning after one year or more.
- Students with chronic health problems, special healthcare needs, and who require medication that must be administered on a regular basis during the normal school day.
- High school students who participate in cheerleading and on athletic teams.
- All students enrolled in preschool (reports required each year.)
- All students in grades kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th.

Health related information on enrolled students is kept private and confidential in electronic student health records that are only accessible by the school nurses or the staff in the Office of Health Services at the central administration building. The information you and your child’s doctor provide to the school nurse is vital to the completion of individualized healthcare plans utilized by the school nurses and others in the school setting, who need to now how, to assist your child while they are at school. Failure to provide the required physical examination reports can result in exclusion from the school setting until information is received.

Vaccinations

The State of Missouri has an immunization law (Section 167.181RSMo) that requires all students to show proof of compliance with some required vaccinations upon enrollment in public, private,

parochial, or parish schools. This law requires complete immunization dates for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, Hepatitis B, and varicella for grades kindergarten – 12th.

Other sections of Missouri’s laws require pre-school students to show proof of vaccinations against Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B) in addition to the immunizations above.

For the 2006-2007 school year, all students enrolling in preschool, kindergarten and first grade will need to show proof of receiving a varicella (chickenpox) vaccination or parents will need to complete a verification statement to show proof of having had the disease.

If your child is an adolescent and due for the ten (10) year booster of Td, ask the doctor if they can give the new vaccine for adolescents that will not only protect them from tetanus and diphtheria, but also from pertussis (whooping cough).

The school nurses will be checking all immunization records for enrolling students

and if the student does not have the required vaccination dates they will not be allowed to enroll until the information is received.

So to avoid problems with enrollment have the child’s doctor check the immunization record you have to make sure all vaccines received have been recorded on the record you bring to the school. If you do not have a copy of your child’s record, ask the doctor’s office to give you one.

Check with your child’s primary care provider, clinic, or the last healthcare facility where the child received a shot to obtain the most up to date copy of the complete shot record. Complete immunization records must include the month, date, and year of administered vaccines.

Always notify the school nurse when your child receives a new shot. If the school nurse sends a Notice of Need Letter to you regarding the child’s need for an immunization, take the child to the doctor promptly to avoid the child being excluded from school. The state law requires exclusion from school of all students who do not complete vaccinations once started.

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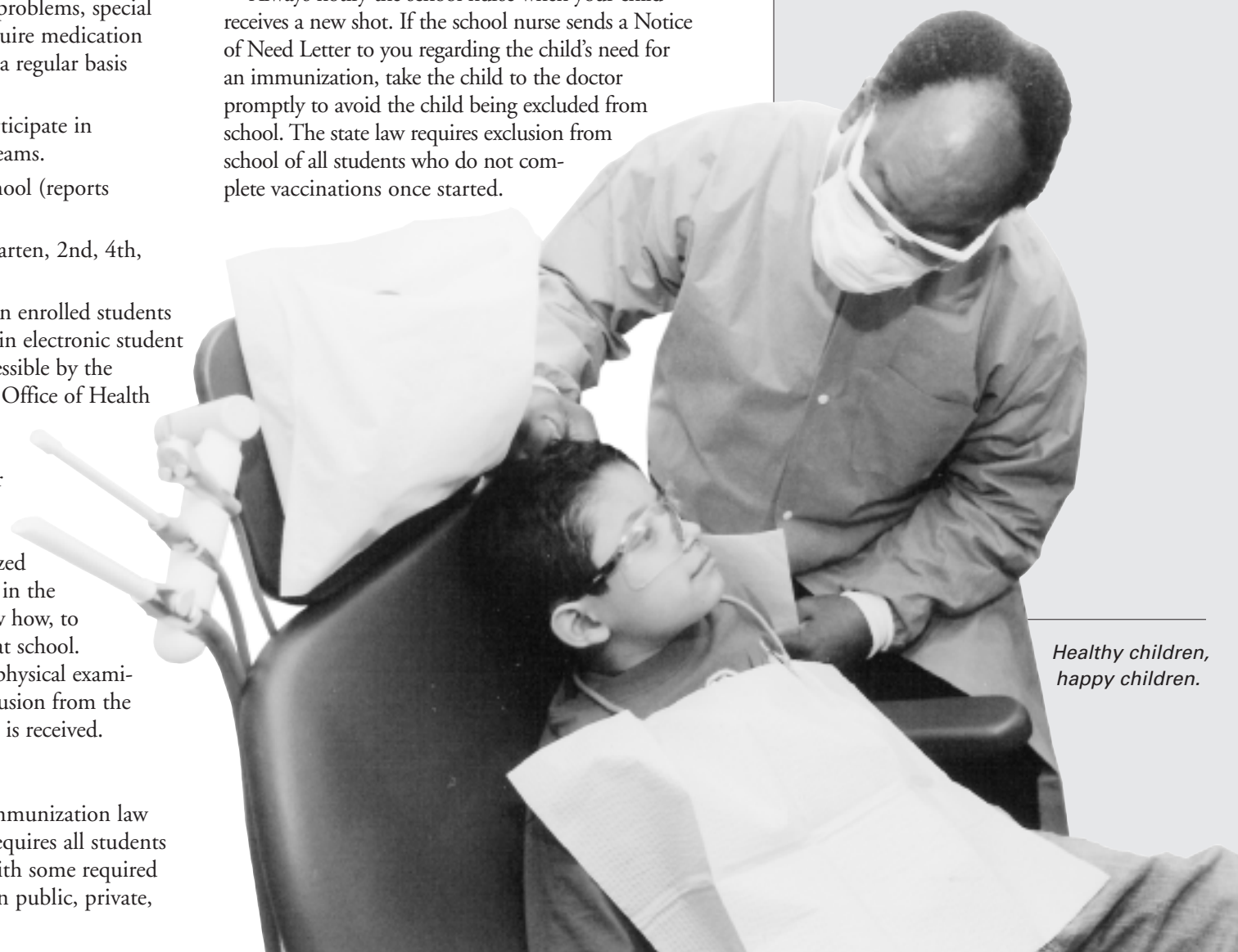
Health Tips for the New School Year

- Make sure your child has a good night’s sleep and eats breakfast either at home or at school every day so they can be ready to learn.
- Keep them home when they are ill and contact the child’s doctor or clinic when you have concerns. Sending children to school sick always means the school nurse will need to contact you to come and pick the child up from school.
- You will be contacted when the child becomes ill or has a serious injury at school so make sure we have correct emergency contact information for you and at least one other person.
- School nurses will request the names and phone numbers of the child’s primary care provider, eye doctor, and dentist. They will also want the name of the hospital you would want us to send your child to in the event of a serious accident or injury.

Health Insurance

The school nurse can be a very important resource in helping you with the healthcare needs of your child. This is especially true if your child does not have healthcare insurance. Information on Missouri’s health care insurance for children is available in every school nurse’s office. This program is called MC (+) and application forms are available in the school health office.

❷ *The Office of Health Services and all the school nurses need your help to assist us in providing a safe and healthy school environment for your child. We know we can count on you to provide all necessary health related information on your child. If there is need for additional information contact the school nurse at your child’s school or the Office of Health Services at 314-345-4539.*



Healthy children, happy children.

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Calendar of Events

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Back to School Family Festival at Gateway Complex
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Back to School Community Rally
SEPTEMBER	27	28 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	29	30	31	1	2
	3	4 Labor Day – No School	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12 St. Louis Police & Firefighter Training Classes Begin	13	14	15	16
OCTOBER	17	18 Terra Nova Testing	19 Terra Nova Testing	20 Terra Nova Testing	21 Terra Nova Testing Parent Assembly Meetings	22 Professional Development (No Students)	23
	24	25	26	27 Interim Progress Reports for Quarter 1	28	29	30
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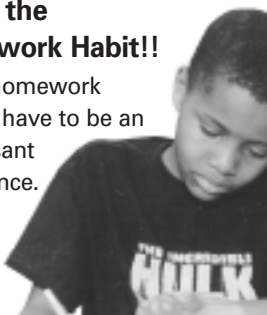


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2006-2007 SLPS Schools

Get in the Homework Habit!!

Doing homework doesn’t have to be an unpleasant experience.



Special Art Mural Dedicated at Oak Hill School



\$65 Million Available in St. Louis City and County Free Tax Preparation for Low Income Households

United Way’s Gateway EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) Community Coalition will help those with incomes \$37,000 or less.

In the Spotlight

Imagine a state of the art facility saturated with technology that you can access 24/7.

In The Community

New Program Prepares Students for Careers in Public Safety

Enrollment limited to 50 students



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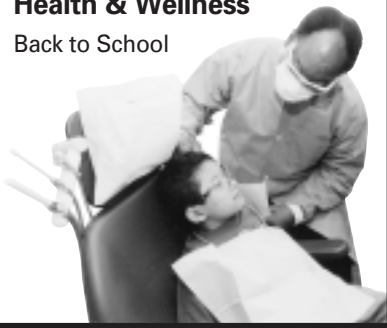
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