

The Dolphin Express

The Principal's Newsletter

September 2009



Important Events

Message from the Principal

Greetings,

My name is Mrs. Nneka M. Jones and I will be the principal of Carrie Downie Elementary for the 2009-10 school year. My teaching career began in the Colonial School District in 1997. I was hired as a 4th grade teacher at Martin Luther King Elementary School. While at King Elementary, I taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. In 2005, I began my administrative career. Since, I have been assigned to Colwyck, Gunning Bedford, Southern and Wilbur. These experiences have prepared me to serve you.

Lines of communication are very important to me. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns I will always have a listening ear. I may also have a need to contact you, so please be sure to update all telephone numbers and/or e-mails as they change.

I look forward to meeting all of you at Open House on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:30PM.

Nneka M. Jones

September

- 15 Open House
K-5 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 PTA Joe Corbi's Fundraiser

October

- 2 End of 1st marking period
- 7 Picture Day
- 8 **No School** In-service Day
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- Report cards mailed home
- 13 School Board Mtg. (George Read)
- 19 and 20 Grade 4 Science DSTP
- 22 and 23 Grade 4 Social Studies DSTP
- 29 PTA Bingo Night

November

- 3 Parent Literacy Night (grades 1-5)
- 11 **No School** - Veterans' Day
- 12 PTA Bingo Night
- 13 Picture make up day
- End of 2nd marking period
- 17 School Board Mtg. (George Read)
- 17 - 20 Half Days-Parent conferences
- Dismissal at 12:42 p.m.
- 20 Report cards mailed home
- 25, 26, 27 **No school** - Thanksgiving

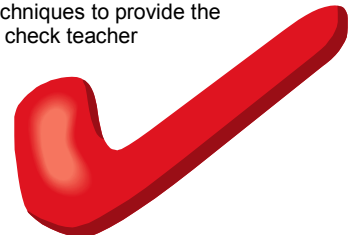
See your child's teacher about signing
The Parent Compact!



Carrie Downie has "Super Star" teachers. They consistently attend professional development and college courses to stay abreast of learning strategies/techniques to provide the best instruction for students. To check teacher credentials visit:

<https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us>

Click on "Find an Educator" and type in the teacher's first and last name.





Important Information

Early Dismissal Note: As it is stated in the parent/student handbook, any early dismissal for a child needs to take place **prior to 3:00 p.m.** This is due to the fact that there are many end of the day procedures that need to take place between 3:00 p.m. and 3:14 p.m. If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please arrange to be here before 3:00 p.m. After that time, students will be dismissed at the regular time. Thank you!

Just a reminder: Due to district policy, cupcakes or other food items are not allowed to be distributed during school hours. If you would like to arrange for a food treat for your child's class on his or her birthday or other occasion, you can do so through our cafeteria. Orders need to be turned in at least a week in advance. See your child's teacher for a snack form. Another great option in place of a food item would be special pencils that the teacher could pass out in the classroom.

Bus Information

Due to the fact that our buses are extremely full, we just want to remind parents that it is a district policy that students are permitted to ride only on the bus they are scheduled for. Riding home with a friend is not permitted. Thanks!

